Prime Minister appeals to the nation for support in 'winter of dislocation'

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Pledge not to allow pay gains 'secured through strength'

; Fred Emery

Mr Callaghan, launching perips his pre-election session of arliament, appealed yesterday every man and woman in le land" for crucial support ioked like being a difficult

In an unmistaliable reference the miners, the Prime Miniser promised in return not to : any group of workers secure advantage through cir strength which others are eady and willing to forgo". Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, arer called on the Government nd unions to "be more vocal n their condemnation " of such roups as the power workers. Report, page 4.]

Mr Callaghan's call to stoic-sm through a winter of "in-convenience and dislocation" has the reality of government susiness outside Parliament. As or new legislation, the pro-bosed programme, as outlined earlier by the Queen in her speech from the Throne at the ceremonial state opening. teremonial state opening, trikes a note almost of detachneut from the picture of a ration weathering the storm of

It is concentrated in two Bills, to be published today, for devolution for Wales and scotland (in what order is not ver known); and in the Bill, to be published on November 10,

can Assembly. The other eye-catcher (some night talk of votes) is a Bill o help first-time home buyers with a deferred interest 5500 oan, plus a possible bonus to-cards a mortgage deposit. There are also twenty other possible Bills in the Queen's speech, with Mr Callaghan offering more. But it all de-

ends on time available. Studes of past experience in time One gift offered to the Post Office workers is a possible Bill to give them the right to

strike, but Liberals, describing it as repusant, will ensure remains government wishful thinking. Liberal support, of course, remains the core of Mr Callaghan's survival. The Prime Minister several times teased his colleagues and the House estis the notion that the ejection could be next autumn. To backbenchers at a private meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party complaining of

There may be other things in september and October , he

The Government will make a second attempt to get devo-lution measures on the statute book, this time with separate Bills for Scotland and Wales. Other measures announced in the Queen's speech were:

Legislation providing for the direct election of United King-dom members of the European Assembly will be reintroduced.

The Government will bring in a Bill to give loan assistance to first-time home buyers. It would match savings with bonuses and interest-free loans.

A levy of about 80p a passenger will be introduced at 28 British airports to increase safeguards against hijackers

Consideration of more measures to help small firms. Ministers will discuss the encouragement of profit-sharing through the tax system.

Legislation will be intro-duced to develop transport policy to meet economic and social needs, including transport in rural areas.

Bills will be tabled to re-view and revive inner-urban areas and to provide payments for redundant shipbuilding workers in the public sector.

Measures planned outside the present session include improvements in safety at sea, reorganization of broadcasting and reform of the Scottish criminal justice system.

Home loan plan, page 4; Parliamentary report, page 6; Diary, page 14; leading article, page 15; Business News, page 20.

House. Bur in the debate on the Address he again teased MPs, suggesting there was enough work for another full session beginning next autumn "but perhaps we had better wait and see things develop". But then Mr Callaghan, in his one on the record mention of the word, declared: "I see no need for an election." With Liberal support the Government had a working majority. In passing he appealed to the nationalists not to complicate the passage of the devolution

Mr Callaghan's arithmetic foresees a basic Lib-Lab majority of 21, assuming the supporting votes of two inde-pendent Scottish Labour mem-bers and the Government's two

Labour Party complaining of omissions in the Queen's Sovech, the Prime Minister replied that they needed to with a statement of support of the Government's programme. The Liberals were given generous credit in the given generous credit in the statement of the complaints of the comp Irish supporters.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal September and October", he given generous credit in the said.

There was less innuendo for having helped to establish from Mr Callaghan in the Britain's "stability".

rally last night that it must be the first time a Labour government programme had not contained a single proposal to extend nationalization.
He awarded the Government

nine out of ten for including all but one of the 10 Liberal policy desires as stated in last July's renewal of the agreement with

Mrs Thatcher, leader of the Opposition, opening the Com-mons debate on the Address, complained that the Queen had been given a speech smacking of "we've been here before". They were the same Bills, with strikes, mini-Budgets, candles and power cuts into the bargain. The Government's only hope was in North Sea oil But Jacon

was in North Sea oil. But, des-pite Mr Callaghan's professions about not wasting it, she feared the oil resources would be used the oil resources would be used only as "a rescue operation".

The Prime Minister was not put off by Mrs Thatcher. He crussed somewhat nonchantly for a while, with a bit of knockabout humour, well on top of his material. But then Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative MP for Waltham Forest, Chingford, got through his thick skin.

Mr Callaghan uncertainly gave way, and Mr Tebbit raunted him to repeat whether he really meant that a man on 160 a week was as well off now as in 1974. "Yes", the Prime Minister answered, to shouts of disbelief, "in terms of tax in terms of tax deduction *.

Then, somewhar uncharacteristically, the Prime Minister was pulled off course.

He suggested leaving the argument to another day, then, taunted, impulsively plunged into it anyway. He insisted that today Mr Average Earnings with £80 a week (married with two children) was paying taxation and national insurance. taxation and national insurance in the same real terms today as in 1973-74, if child benefits and family allowances were

taken into account.

Tory backbenchers howled for him to continue and talk of purchasing power, but the "I am going to relish it; we are going to destroy the

There was more discomfiture as Mr Callaghan came to his warnings on the present scene. He wanted no confrontation. We are not fighting against anyone, not trying to teach anyone a lesson, no group of workers, no trade union." Mr Callaghan's election talk

was seen at Westminster as intended to keep his own troops docile. He appealed at the PLP meeting for unity. "The Labour Party cannot win an election with the Tribune Group alone, or with the moderate elements in the party

These remarks are pregnant These remarks are pregnant president Brezhuev, President carter and himself had agreed that negotiations should begin for the fate of the Wales and



The Queen wearing spectacles during her Speech from the Throne yesterday.

Callaghan welcome for TV and radio Soviet nuclear offer

By Hugh Noves Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

Mr Callaghan warmly welcomed President Brezhnev's offer to suspend the Soviet Union's peaceful nuclear explosion programme as "a most significant development in Soviet policy ".

The Prime Minister, speaking in the Commons at the start of the debate on the Queen's Speech, told MPs that this initiative should be taken as a signal to the West that the Soviet leadership was in earnest about the policy of detente. He reminded the Rouse that

last July to reach a comprehensive test ban trooty. The achievement of a total ban on all nuclear explosions was being held up because the Soviet Union genuinely advanced the view that peaceful explosions could be defined separately from other nuclear explosions. less than warm in his recention of Mrs Thatcher's bitter attack on the state of British defences. The Tory leader claimed that Britain's prestige could not be lower than it was

Nato at the present time. Mr Callaghan snapped back that if every other Nato country spent the same proportion of their gross national product on defence as did Britain, Nato's troubles would have been over

blackout of Speech

Radio and relevision cover age of the Queen's Speech at the state opening of Parliament yesterday was taken off the air as a result of action by mem-bers of the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs in pursuit of a pay claim. Neither independent television nor .commercial radio could carry any transmissions from inside Parliament because

both had arranged to take "feeds" from the BBC. Last night the BBC Nation-

wide programme was blacked out and a film was shown instead. The Nam O'clock News was reduced to five minutes without film reports and was followed by 20 minutes of inter-

Catholics change rules for mixed marriages

raised as Catholics but it will

still sign a document expressing and Wales, are designed to willingness to try to ensure that meet objections from non-children of the marriage are Roman Catholic churches and to tailer general Catholic rules

France-Quebec link strengthened the unions

President Giscard d'Estaing announced in Poris that France and Quebec are to hold regular meetings at prime ministerial level to strengthen their links. In a warm speech during a luncheon in honour of Mr René of Quebec, the President said that France would not interfere in the Canadian political debatebut Quebec could count on French support "all along the route you decide to follow"

UN appeal to curb hijacking

The United Nations General Assembly unanimously Assembly unanimously approved an appeal to all the nations of the world to cooperate in ending bijackings. It adopted a resolution asking for a global effort to increase participation in three existing anti-bijacking treaties and improve airport and airline security Page 10

Demonstration at Heath rally

Two National Front members interrunted a Conservative cally at Lambeth Town Hall, London, last night and shouted "traitor" at the guest speaker, Mr Edward Heath. About fifty members of the Front demonstrated outside the meeting
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PO board to get worker-directors

Sir William Barlow, new chairman of the Post Office has ledged to improve the corporation's performance and to lead an attack on declining standards with the help of a new board Province: A 16-page Special which will include worker-directors Page 19 on key regions of Saudi Arabia.

communism; Handouts for home buyers

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David Kobinson on the London Film Festival and new films in London: William Maon on Eurpanthe (Coliseum): Irving Wardle on Filumena (Lyric

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Shares again lose heavily as pound plunges

Sterling plunged to \$1.81 esterday—2.35 cents lower—in hectic trading on the foreign exchange market. At one point it was fire cents down on the

Gilts fell in sympathy, closing £2 down at the long end citer an initial drop of £2.75. Shares fell for the ninth consecutive day, with a drop of £2. the FT index to close at

Sterling made a slight re-covery just before the close to a productivity deal—and wide-

index of 63.4. Wednesday's close on the effective—trade weighted—index was 64.4.

The Bank of England seems to have stayed well clear of the market until the rate had pluming the control of the control

neted to \$1.7875. Some slight support at that level was then detected by same dealers.
In New York the pound lost 3: cents to close 1.8010. Fears of a revival of indus-

spread power cuts have led overseas investors to twice about holding The market was shaken by the sudden plunge in the

pound's exchange rate, and as no floor was provided by the Bank, at least at first, there was a snowbalking effect. Sterling began its nosedire in the morning when the

dollar began to pick up. Herr Haus Apel, the German Finance Minister, has said that the

American currency was undervalued at its present rate, and the market immediately reacted by buying dollars. Mr Fred Bergsten, United States Assistant Treasury Secretary, later repeated Herr Apel's comments. The dollar closed very slightly down on the day at DM2.246, and 247.75

Large selling orders for pounds first came from Switzer-

land and Germany. When the Continued on page 19, col 1

Kremlin bars Spanish party leader's speech

Moscow, Nov 3.—Senor San-tiago Carrillo, the Spanish Communist Party leader, said tonight that he had been barred from speaking at a Kremlin rally today, apparently because Soviet officials considered his planned address too militantly Eurocommunist.
Señor Carrillo, one of the

arch-exponents of the moderate orand of communism espoused by several Western parties, said he had been told originally that he could make a speech to the meeting marking the sixtieth anniversary of the Bolsberik revolution.
But after he handed in a copy

of his text for translation soon after arriving in Moscow last night, he was told he would not be called to the rostrum, he said, although representatives of many less influential parties did speak to the two-day rally. "Not only was I not given reason for this", he told reporters. "But I suppose you can

imagine why it was." The affair appeared likely to exacerbate the already strained relations between the Spanish and Soviet parties. Another member of Senor Carrillo's

delegation—the veteran poet Rafael Alberti-protested by calling off a reading of his works in Moscow today.

The incident came after President Leonid Brezimev yesterday delivered the most authoritative, if implicit, critique of Eurocommunism ever pronounced by a Kremlin leader from a public tribuae. While Senor Carrillo sat in the back row of the praesidium of honour at the meening

today, thunderous receptions were given to pro-Moscow party leaders, who were in effect de nouncing the politics he espouses. Speaking to reporters after-wards Senor Carrillo said his

speech had been very similar to one delivered yesterday by the Italian party leader, Signor Enrico Berlinguer, another Eurocommunist. Signor Berlinguer and, today Mr

Gordon McLennan of Britain were given a cool reception for addresses expounding their strongly distinctive views of what a socialist society should be and their insistence on a multi-party system.-Leading article, page 15

Mr Benn to seek Cabinet approval for £2-a-week power dispute peace formula under the terms of the TUC's due to meet again until early By Paul Routledge

Lahour Editor

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, is to put to his Cabinet colleagues proposals for a solution of the power workers' enofficial action agreed yesterdry by the unions and the Electricity Council. The peace formula gives

station workers rises of (ii) to 52 a week to recompense than for increased travelling costs incurred by the shift of cocrating stations from rowns in rural sites. An employers' expresentative said last night:
"We are hopeful they will call if the action that is hitting the public and many of their own

'leacues,' Government approval is needed before the travel allow-15 nces can be paid. But if the payments are found to be coniscent with income policy they be in the next wage

ne dope. Other issues behind the action that has caused widesiread power cuts and voltage reductions - shift pay allowances and concessionary fuel elimentes on the lines of touched on at yesterday's joint

talks Union leaders agree that they form part of the basic terms is nothing else we can do ...

and conditions of the country's

The power workers' national joint industrial council is not

12-month rule the men are not due for another increase until mid-March, 1978. The response of the unofficial dispute leaders was not encouraging. One, Mr James Bonney, from the North-west, said the agreement on travel allowances does not change our position one iota".

But Mr Frank Chapple, general secretary of the Electrical. Electronic, Telecommunica-tion and Plumbing Union and chairman of the power unions' side. said: "I should have thought that reasonable people would understand the situation. The men should realize now that we have done all that reasonable people could expect us to.

"Their increasing claims are not helping the matter one bit.
It is a hattle that cannot be won at the present time. There are no two ways about that ". Mr William Prior, industrial relations official of the Electricity Council, said; "I only hope that the men see what we have offered as being the best possible offer under miners' free coal - were not the circumstances and will accept it and return to normal working. I appeal to them to

use their common sease. There

is nothing else we can do ".

December, and the union leaders are not in direct con-tact with the shop stewards leading the dispute. In detail, the travel allow-

ance gives men who live three to six miles away from their place of work 80p more; those between six and ten miles away, £1.30; and those over ten miles, The Electricity Council justi-

fies the increases on the ground that "planning policy" has in recent years moved power stations from centres of population to rural areas. At the same time public transport has declined, and the requirement on the industry to provide a 24-hour service with a diminished labour force ought to permit extra pay for travel-

machine danger Kidney Patients on bome kidney machines in south-west England are facing a terrible situation because of the power cuts. a Bristol hospital official said yesterday (the Press Association reports). If they could not make up for hours lost during the cuts they would "end up being dead ". More than 70 parients on home dialysis units have been

advised to use their machines

from midnight to at least 6 am.

BR passenger fares to be investigated By a Staff Reporter The Price Commission is to

investigate rail fares. The inquiry, to be officially announced in the next 48 hours, will cover British Rail's whole passenger fare structure but not shipping the opportunity to speak but service or freight charges. service or freight charges. An application to raise fares was lodged by the British Railways Board last month. Fares were raised in January and in

British Rail is hoping that it will be allowed to raise them again early in 1978.

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg, Nov 3 Blacks in South Africa were promised today that their hated passbooks, which prescribe where they may live and work, are to be scrapped. A state-ment issued after a meeting in Pretoria between Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, and black homeland leaders said it had been agreed the passbooks should be replaced by travel and identity documents next

The new documents will be

issued by the Bantustan govern-

ments which, in effect, means that the system of separate de-

velopment will be reinforced.

come under fierce attack from ultra-conservative whites, par-ticularly the Herstigge Nasionale as a further erosion of white domination. tem meant the removal of one Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the of the major "irritations" of

leader of four million Zulus,

refused to attend the talks in Pretoria. He had described

Pretoria.

previous discussions with Mr Vorster on the issue as "a Vorster on the issue as farce ". It is not yet clear whether police will be empowered to arrest any African unable to produce his new identity document on demand. At present thousands of Africans

Mr Vorster agrees to scrap passbooks None the less, it is likely to jailed every year for the technical offence of not having their passes on them. Dr Cedric Phatudi. Party, which will see the move Lebowa homeland leader, said the ending of the passbook sys-

> the apartheid system.
>
> It was also agreed that Africans employed in urban areas may now bave their families living with them. It is not known, however, if this applies to the thousands of African women domestics who work and live as single women in white suburbs.
> Tories 'would give no respite

to S Africa', page 9

Roman Catholics and members diving the marriage. The regu-of other churches have been larions, drawn up by the Roman issued. The Catholic partner will Catholic bishops of England

be an undertaking rather than to local conditions. a promise and should not be Parliament and

If Parliament acted against "the very existence" of trade unions they might have to challenge the right of Parliament to do that, Mr Len Murray. TUC do that, Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary said in elaboration of a lecture delivered in Sheffield. He said he was talking of "exceptional circumstances" in which government might ban union activity. He was not talking of what might happen under a future Conservative government, when sneak-

vative government, when speak-ing of those exceptional circum-Students' union

cash review The Government is to review the way in which students unions are financed. This year more than £2m is payable in fees at six universities, most of it from central government funds. The National Union of Students proposes in a strategi document a government guaranteed minimum fee of £15 for full-time further and higher education students and 13 for part-time students, at a total cost to the state of 110m Page 7

Overwhelmed: The Brontë village of Haworth is in danger of losing its character because of the 700,000 visitors who of the 700,000 vis Firemen's pay : Militant firemen may demand a strike in support of a 30 per cent pay claim although their leaders recommend 10 per cent

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Mr Murray considers when unions might challenge Parliament

Gv Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said yesterday that if Parliament acted ugainst "the very existence" of trade unions, they might have to "challenge the right of Parliament to do that".

He was speaking after giving a lecture on Wednesday night Sheffield Polytechnic in which he was reported as saying that if Parliament challensed the right of unions to exist we should have to challenge the right of Parliament and break loose".

He said yesterday: "I do not recall using the phrase 'break loose' and I doubt if I did, I was trying to say that where a government was trying to eliminate trade unionism then unions might have the right to try to bring a government down. I was doing so in the course of a lecture in which I was emphasizing our respect for Parliament and parliamentary institutions.

"It is like the theological argument of the last war, of when the Christian has the right to act against the state. It is a question of in what circumstances, and they are very exceptional, that the unions might

have a right to do so." Mr Murray said the experience of the conflict between government and unions in the ceneral strike of 1926 had focused the attention of the unions on the limits to which that conflict could go.

But he added: "I am talking problem."

of the very exceptional circum-stances, like the prewar Ger-man or Chilean situation, one in which governments may ban normal union activity alto-

He recalled that in the conflicts over the Conservatives' Industrial Relations Act and the Labour Government's In Place of Strife proposals the TUC had not advocated action

outside the law.
"In such cases we might call demonstrations, we might propagandize our cause through the columns of The Times, or in extreme circumstances we might try to get people in the country to show opposition to the Government so that it might change a law. But that is a matter for the citizens and not for the unions.

Mr Murray said he had not been talking of what might happen under a future Conser-vative government when he had spoken of the exceptional circumstances in which a chal-lenge to Parliament might be In his lecture Mr Murray

said the TUC had bad differences with the Labour Government over several issues. But, he asked, what would happen if they kicked the Labour Gov-ernment to death. What was the alternative?

TGWU launches campaign to reduce unemployment

By Our Labour Editor

The Transport and General Workers' Union is celebrating its growth to more than two milkon members by embarking on a campaign to reduce unem-ployment. Membership figures received by the union's leaders vesterday show that 2,006,662 nen and women belong to it; 98.6 per cent of them pay the policical levy to the Labour Party.

The union's finance and general purposes committee has decided to write to all TGWU regions, to the TUC and to the Labour Party, urging demon-strations, rallies and conferences throughout the country

tary, said vesterday: "While we welcome the first moves to-wards reflation in the mini-Budget, we think there is room for further reflation and that it is necessary to reduce the very high level of unemployment. We are particularly con-cerned that more than 700,000 young people under the age of 25 have no job ".

His union would also seek agreements with employers stipulating a rundown in overtime working. Overtime worked in the United Kingdom he

ators and those of other unions to write into agreements limitseek more jobs.

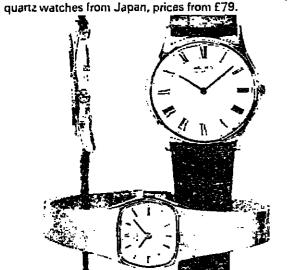
Mr Jack Jones, general secrehe added.

culculated, was equivalent to 400,000 jobs.

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Mr Jones

on duties of unions

By Our Labour Editor

Mr Jack Jones, the country's most influential union leader. yesterday rejected the Government's continuing insistence that wages should not grow by more than 10 per cent overall in the coming year.

The general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said: "We are opposed to 10 per cent. We are for formal collective bargain-ing. At the same time we are responsible union, and we will take account of all the circumstances of the undertaking and the industry "

The TGWU has already negotiated wage agreements at Ford and in the road transport industry that breach the Government's guidelines.

Mr Jones said the miners' rejection of a productivity deal was a matter for them. "They have made their decision, and no doubt their negotiators will negotiate with the coal board and try to find a solution". He had noticed " with interest" the joint appeal by NUM leaders to keep output up, and while the transport workers favoured in-centive schemes they did not apply to every industry.

For pits were yesterday affected by "moderate back-lash" action in protest at the collapse of the productivity exercise. Unofficial action by pitmen took place at Sutton and Silverbill collieries in Nottinghamshire, and two mines in the south Derbyshire coalfield, Donnisthorpe and Birch Hill, were affected by walk-outs.

The National Coal Board is discounting suggestions that some pits are already operating underhand productivity deals that reward men for higher output through unofficial pay-ments. Officials pointed out ments. Officials pointed out that no firm evidence had been

Emphasis by A state's 'right to secure its energy supplies'

Whitehaven

plutonium could be used as a fuel for nuclear power stations for weapons is to without jeopardizing measures no more plutoniu to prevent the spread of atomic or circulated." weapons were described by Lord Silsoe, QC, yesterday, the penultimate day of the Windscale public inquiry.

Lord Silsoe, representing British Nuclear Fuels, marshalled under six headings the arguments of those opposing plans to build a new water

The terms under which

plans to build a new waste nuclear fuel reprocessing plant at Windscale. They were proliferation, terrorism, health and routine releases of radiation, accidents, institutional arrange-

ments, and public acceptability.

He described the potential use of plutonium as an energy source as one with "so much potential for evil, and also so och power for good "

An official in the telex department of Van Ommerson, the Dutch-based company, said:
"If the dispute carries on the City could be cripoled in a

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automatic lines, but when they break down and are not repaired there will be chaos-

Businessmen will change to the

telephone, and there are only so many telephone lines. They will become overloaded. One loss

message can mean the loss of a

couple of weeks.

lot of money.

He referred to the submission of Mr Raymond Kidwell, QC, for Friends of the Earth, that we "all recognize the danger and we all believe that something must be done to stop it,

can be made effective. The only certain and secure way to ensure that plutonium is not used for weapons is to ensure that no more plutonium is produced

It was the second part of that submission that Lord Silsoe could not accept. It dismissed the value of the recovery of uranium and plutonium from wasting nuclear fuels as an important component in forming a policy to obtain independence in energy supply, he said. In that context he drew

attention to the programmes of research and development by several industrial countries, including France, Germany and Japan, on fast-breeder reactors that would need plutonium fuel. He felt it was not right to deny a country such as Japan the resources badly needed to attain energy independence. Each state had a right to safe-

guard its society and to secure the necessary energy supplies for it, he argued. The ways to achieve it differed. The United States had about

A dispute involving the members of the Post Office engineers who maintain the Post Engineering Union, say they are Office's international telex working to rule in support of a exchange equipment was said demand for a 35-hour week.

exchange equipment was said demand for a 35-hour week yesterday to be a serious threat to City business.

An official in the telex department of Van Ommerson, the Dutch-based company, said:

"If the dispute carries on the City could be cripoled in a Company of the could be cripoled in a company of them, at the St Botolphs exchange at Hounsditch, have been suspended, and between walked out on union instructions.

but where we differ is on the a third of the world's known the decision from the fuel cycle remedies and whether remedies supplies of uranium and there evaluation came out against fore had no urgent need to reprocess waste fuel to recover the reusable material.

Even so, Lord Silsoe pointed to President Carter's statement on reprocessing. It conceded that "the smaller nations, the ones that now have established atomic power plants, have to have some place either to store their spent fuel or to have it reprocessed ".

Downing Street summit, and expected to report first in about

In the early stages it did not fuel for co involve a large investment. If diplomacy.

Religious Affairs Correspondent

New regulations covering marriages between Roman Catholics and baptized members of other churches have been drawn up to meet some of the objections of the non-Roman Catholic partner and his own church, and to tailor general rules more closely to conditions in England and

conditions in England and

The new rules were published

Country.
The Roman Carbolic bishops

discussed the issue with bishops of the Church of England last

of the Course of England last
April The document states that
the Anglican bishops made a
number of helpful suggestions.
Permission will no longer
have to be sought from a Roman
Catholic hishop before a marriage is allowed, as the bishops

New regulations covering

By Clifford Longley

The issues raised by reprocessing were the subject for the "international fuel cycle evaluation programme" agreed at the two years, Lord Silsoe added. He manusined that that

should not be a reason to defer planning permission for the application to build a new plant at Windscale. Whatever the evaluation produced, he sug-gested that the study could be helped by information gained on the work that would be done in planning the Windscale project.

cooperation

not be viewed as an end

The agreement to provide fuel for countries was resource

evaluation came out against reprocessing nothing would be

Whatever happened, safeguards were needed. A system of safeguards comprised more than the non-proliferation treaty. It included the role of Euratom, the London suppliers' agreement, and orner measures nuclear countries. The nonproliferation treaty was useful in the short term, but it should

He believed that deaying reprocessing services to countries would not prevent their following the route to a bomb, if that was their intention. He understood the argument that it was perhaps better to have reprocessing in a few selected places where it could be properly safeguarded, or if a new plant was to be built it should be in a weapons state, which had no need to divert material to make atomic

Telex engineers 'could | Catholics relax rules

cripple City in weeks' on mixed marriages in the matter to parish priests and deans. The Roman Catholic pastner will still have Catholic partner will still have to sign a document expressing willingness to try to ensure that the children of the marciage are raised as Catholics, but this will be in a different form. It is now an "undertoking" rather than a promise, and the directory points out that it deliberately stops short of requiring any decision binding on both partners about their children's religion.

The new rules were published yesterday by the Roman Catholic bishops of England and Wales, and their revised directory of mixed marriages contains an apology for the offence which might be given by the term "mixed". The bishops point out that it is in common use through the The document envisages that the children night be brought up as members of another church. It sets out the Catholic partner's continuing obligations towards the child's spiritual welfare in those circumstances. common use through the Roman Catholic Church, and it would be confusing if a different term was used in this

The determination to have the children brought up as Catholics should not be pressed to the extent of jeopardizing the marriage. The undertaking, the document says, is equiva-lent to an intention to do "all one can do in the actual circumstances of the marriage". The directory states that two Catholic churches are now

mixed, and only in the dioceses of Liverpool and Westminster is the proportion below half.

for SDLP devolution voting

Belfast

The first clear indication of between leading Ulster Roman Catholic The non-politicians towards the possibility of some form of interim devolution is expected to emerge from a meeting that opens at Newcastle, co Down tonight.

Britain waits

Delegates to the Social Democratic and Labour Party's annual conference will be asked to tute on a number of controversiamotions. One calls on Britain to declare her intent to with draw "politically and mit-taily" from Northern Ireland. a policy scarcely distinguishable from that of the provisional IRA.

British government officials will pay closer attention than usual to the outcome of this year's gathering because of cautious optimism at Stormont that progress towards a limited type of local assembly may be feasible in the next six months. Within the past few weeks the Official Unionist Party, the largest Protestant group, has indicated willingness to done its previous stubborn insistence on the majority Convention report in favour of new talks about a local government assembly with as yet unspecified

powers.
The future of negotiations will depend to a large extent on the attitude of the SDLP rank and file in the next three days.

Mr Daniel McAreavy, the party secretary, explained: "We are very wary about the idea, olthough most members are likely to support the reopening of talks. Our concern is to ensure that any halfway house does not become a permanent home."

Political observers believe one outcome of the conference will be a strong call to the Government to explain its guide-lines for the assembly, a move that would run counter to the present determination not to launch a political initiative.

Robbins interview

Peter Scott talks to Lord Robbins. Robert Pinker assesses the achievement of Richard Timuss, and Sreven Muller, President of Johns Hopkins, discusses the Bakke case, in The Times Higher Education Supplement today.

Brontë enthusiasm spoils character of village

From Our Correspondent

The Brontë village of Haworth is in danger of being spoilt by its visitors, according to a report published yesterday. Seventy thousand people visit the West Yorkshire village areas; was and are said to be every year and are said to be destroying its Victorian character. Their cars choke the streets and they crowd into the build-ings linked with the Brontë family. The museum has to be locked at times to control the

The report, produced by officials of Bradford metropolitan council aided by West York-shire, says Haworth's main street is becoming a street of souvenir shops and cafes: Motor cycle scramblers and Land-Rover cathusiasts are

Strike will stop driving tests

Many learner-drivers due to many learner-drivers due to take tests next Tuesday after-noon will be unable to do so, the Society of Civil and Public Servants said yesterday.

It said that the Department of Transport's driving examiners, who are members of the union, will take part in a national half-day strike in protest at the Government's re-fusal to restore civil servants' normal pay system of "fair comparisons".

stated to be wearing out the noorland around the village. The report suggests develop-ment of a country park on a hill overlooking the village to provide car parks and footpaths. It suggests stricter con-trol of shops and cafés and ex-tension of the conservation

Farmhouses could provide rambouses could provide accommodation to encourage visitors to stay longer. Proposals are also made for improving properties and derelict land and for attracting small industries.

Residents are to be asked for their views before a draft plan prepared to safeguard the lage. Their attitude is that something must be done as interest in the Brontes is growing, particularly overseas.

Ewart-Biggs prizewinners

The first Christopher Ewart-Biggs Memorial Prize has been awarded jointly to: Father Michael Mac-Greil for his book, Prejudice and Tolerance in Ireland and Dr Authory Stewart for The Narrow Ground.

Ground.
The prize, an annual award of \$1,500 ooffered by the memorial trust set up to commemorate Mr Christopher Ewart-Biggs, British Ambassador to Ireland, who was killed outside his home in Dublia last year, is assigned to promote peace and understanding in Ireland an othe strentghening of links with Britain.

'Minimum'

out was partly in support of the suspended men and partly

because the management had done maintenance work normally done by those suspended.

The Post Office says the work-to-ride was in sympathy with workers at another

exchange who are claiming dirt and discomfort" money while building work is being

Michael Hart, aged 39, who admitted a bank robbery at Ham, Richmond upon Thames,

Mr Justice Melford Stevenson described Mr. Hart as a wicked and very dangerous criminal, and recommended that he should be detained for at least

of internal documents issued by 25 years.

The judge passed 21 other concurrent prison terms ranging from two to 10 years for the du Pont chemical company as part of what the union says was a "campaign of secret psychological warfare" against it. offences including armed rob-bery, assault, dishonestly re-ceiving property, theft, taking three cars, and criminal damage.

Sharon Stacey, aged 20, a secretary, of Willmot Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, who admitted going on a shopping expedition with Mr Hart using a number of worthless cheques, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

After Mr Hart and Miss Stacey had been taken to the cells, there was a commotion in the public gallery and the judge ordered that it should be cleared. He spoke of "the magnificent work done by the police in pursuing an investigation of mere great difficulty. gation of very great difficulty, making demands on personnel which were difficult to meet"

of 25 years for killer

last November, was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to life imprisonment for the murder by shooting of Angela Wooliscroft, aged 20, a clerk at the bank.

came to light. Instead the union has referred its action for recognition and bargaining rights to the Northern Ireland Labour Relations Agency.

The union says the documents show that the company was acting against guidelines of good industrial relations practice by multipational companies. set out by the Department of Industry in June, 1976.

Union alleges psychological warfare

Labour Reporter
The Association of Scientific, We did not consider discussions with our supervision on the issues involved in union recognition as intimidating. Furthermore at no time had we given ASTMS any undertaking that we would not communicate to our supervision on the matter. The union says that the campaign was waged during a four-month period this year when it was trying to win recognition by the company for supervisory and allied grades at the com-pany's plant at Maydown,

Londonderry.

A proposed ballot of the supervisory workforce, 90 per cent of whom have joined the first suggestion to departments union, according to its officials, was called off at the union's request when the documents came to light Instead the union

tice by multinational companies

A management account of a meeting with union officials after the union had acquired Technical and Managerial Staffs the documents says that alle-has passed to ministers copies gations of intimidation were of internal documents issued by strongly denied. It adds:

> A document in the possession of the union, from which some extracts are mussing, is entitled Departmental Programme for No Union Recognition. The

Identify the union aspirations of each individual foreman, assign the supervisor who will consult with him and determine the best communication programme to convince him of no union recognition.

Departments are advised to Departments are advised to give the foreman the feeling he is part of menagement , supervisors should take a "sincere personal interest" in the foremen under them and their families, and to use praise wherever possible rather than blame.

to "All supervision at second line an daoove: Effect unionization of operating fore-men on their supervisor's job.". unionization is seen as leading to more paperwork", employee neglect, and harassment of supervision by union

In a document headed "Final communication with all operating foremen, prior to ASTMS vote", the reader is exharted to remind foremen of the disadvantages of joining the union, such as vulnerability to strike; and less individual treatment of the employee by the company.

Mr Roger Lyons, the union's national officer for the cheminational officer for the chemi-cal industry, wid yester day that the use of Americanisms sug-gested that the documents which the union says were issued to senior line manage-ment, had been drawn up by the parent company in the United States.

United States. "We wondered why there were delays in getting the bal-lot off the ground and now we know they were waging a cam-paign of secret psychological

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Aid urged for families of elderly

From Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent Hairogaie

Much more support should be given to families caring for elderly relatives because they can no longer cope alone. That view was presented by two speakers yesterday at the final sessions of the triennial con-ference of Age Concern, at Наптосать.

"All too often the debate is polarized between family care polarized between family care and stare care when the only way we can care for our frail elderly is by a parmership between the family and outside resources". Professor Olive Stevenson, Professor of Social Policy and Social Work at Keele University, told the conference. "It is impossible for the much reduced nuclear the much reduced nuclear family to go it alone." ciderly people fiving alone or with their spouses might be right, she said. But it was vice provided by a relative or essential that more support friend may be that it is

By Our Health Services

The United Arab Emirates

have given £750,000 to the liver

research unit at King's College Hospital, London. Work will begin next week on a new

£500,000 building, which it is

hoped will be completed by December next year so that

new research can begin in

The additional 5250,000 has

been given towards running costs, expected to be about

A complementary unit is to be built in Abu Dhabi, and both

hepatitis under the direction of

Correspondent

April, 1979.

£100,000 a year.

to relatives, but so far little had been done.

"Perhaps we are afraid to find out lest we open floodgates of need that we cannot meet", she suggested. "But if we close our eyes, we may in the longer run weaken the very social structure we most wish to preserve—the family."

The development of state services for the elderly was caused partly by the recognition that individuals, families and neighbourhoods could no longer cope unaided. Mr William Utting, chief social work officer at the

Emirates give £750,000 for

London liver research unit

Dr Roger Williams, head of the immediate care of patients, he king's College unit.

chief social work officer at the Department of Health and Social Security, told the con-ference. But that did not mean The priority given by the that the state should provide medical and social services to all forms of service that old people might need.
"The special value in a ser-

When the contract was signed yesterday, Sir Geoffrey Arthur, a member of the King's

liver unit trust and Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, said the gift was entirely spontane-

Sir Arthur, formerly British Resident in the Persian Gulf,

said that on a visit to Abu Dhabi he was told of the wish to give money for medical

research in Britain. The gift

had been made with the per-sonal encouragement of Shaikb Zaid bin Sukan al-Nahayan,

Dr Williams said the new unit would be an international

centre concentrating on immunology. Its work would have nothing to do with the

president of the Emirates.

should be offered to relatives caring for the frail elderly, even though the cust was needed to see what kind of help would be most valuable to relatives, but so far little had been done.

"Perhane we are afraid to relatives of the provide better care, or that supports them during periods of siress and difficults." "Responsibility for social care is a shared one, shared between nuclear and extended

family friends, negipbourhood, church, statutory and voluntary organizations" organizations."

The Government's main objective was to enable old people to maintain independent lives in the community for as long as possible. But it was not necessarily character to invest in community services. community services rather than residential care.

Limits on public spending meant that the utmost value must be extracted from every pound spent on services for the elderly. It would cost the same amount to increase the pension by 10p a week as to provide 35,000 new places in old peoples homes.

New safety legislation enabling the Government to take rapid action against unsafe products and covering servicing,

In his first speech since becoming chairman last month, Mr Shanks said existing powers

advanced countries. Manufacturers should accept

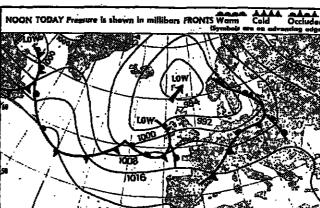
Stronger curbs on unsafe products sought

was called for last night by Mr Michael Shanks, chairman of the National Consumer Council.

on product safety were inade-quate and out of line with legislation in many other

legal liability to compensate customers for harm or damage caused by defective products, he said. He was speaking in London at the annual dinner of the Paintmakers Association.

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Today Sun rises: Sun sets: 6.59 am 4.29 pm Moon sets : Moon rises : Moon seis: Moon rises:
1.15 pm 11.44 pm
1.45 quarter: 3.58 am.
Lighting up: 4.59 pm to 6.31 am.
Righ water: London Bridge, 6.24
am, 6.0m (19.58t); 7.2 pm; 5.9m
(19.38t). Avonmouth, 11.44 am,
10.2m (33.38t). Dover, 3.50 am,
5.4m (17.68t); 4.33 pm, 5.2m
(17.68t); 4.33 pm, 5.2m
(17.08t) BuB, 11.12 am, 5.7m
(18.78t); 11.19 pm, 5.9m (19.38t).
Liverpool, 4.9 am, 7.2m (23.88t);
4.30 pm, 7.4m (24.28t).

A broad W airstream covers the British Isles; troughs of low pres-sure will approach W districts later.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: Loodon, SE and E England,
East Anglia: Sunny intervals,
scattered showers; ward W, moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C
Central S and Central N England, Midlands: Sunny intervals,
scattered showers, more general

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c. cloud; d. drizzle; f. fair; r. rain; s. suu; st. show.

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cloud later; wind W or SW, moderane or fresh; max remp 12°C Channel Islands, SW England. Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland; Showers, frequent and heavy at times, come sunny intervals, more general cloud and rain later; wind W backing S, fresh or strong; max temp 11°C (52°F).

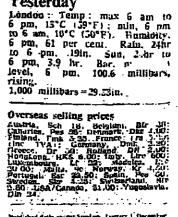
NW England, Lake District, SW Scotland, Glascow. Argyll: Freb—blue sky, b.—half thogod, c--cloudy, p—overcast food b-drivers h—dail, p—mbs; r—rain, —acristic fir—blundershorn —showers, yr— periodial rain with anow. Sea passages: S North Sea, Strate of Power, English Channel (E): Wind W fresh or strong locally gale, hacking SW; sea roungh.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind W strong to gale, backing S; sea very rough.

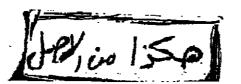
Yesterday

NW England, Lake District, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: frequent showers, heavy in places, bright intervals, more general cloud later, perhaps rain; wind W or SW fresh or strong; max temp 10°C (50°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind W fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F). (50°F).
Central Highlands, Moray Firth,
NE and NW Scotland, Orkney,
Shetland: Sunny intervals and
showers, bill snow; wind W
strong to gale decreasing fresh
max temp 9°C (48°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday; Communing masettled, further showers or longer outbreaks
of rain, bright intervals; temp
father below normal. (50°F).



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Burden of running home loan cash boost scheme will fall on the building societies

Help for first-time buyers is one of the centrepieces of the contraction of the centrepieces of the contraction of the centrepieces of the contraction of the centrepieces of th gramme of social legislation. not been making much pro-The Bill proposing a cash boost progress for two reasons. The and loan scheme for new borrowers is the outcome of the Housing Finance Review, which took a long time to reach publication at the end of June.

The Housing Finance Green Paper produced little in the way of resolving the country's housing difficulties. The most radical suggestions were the two forms of assistance it commended for first-time

One was that the Government would pay a bonus broadly equivalent to tax at the basic rate on the aggregate of interest on up to \$1,000. The second proposal was that loans of £500 would be made to firsttime buyers who had saved £500 before buying their homes. The loan would be interest-free for the first five years,

The proposals were circulated between the three main hodies that would be involved in the operation of the schemes (the local authorities, clearing banks and building societies) for them to reach a conclusion by November 1. In the event the issues have proved so com-plicated that the deadline for completing arrangements has

Steel faith

in Labour

pay stand

By Our Political Editor

Mr David Steel, the Liberal

leader, said last night that for

the moment he had no reason to doubt the Government's

determination to stand firm against policy-breaking wage claims. The prevention of a wages explosion remained the

wages explosion remained the crucial vardstick for continuation of the Liberal-Labour agreement. The question was whether public opinion would make itself felt "against the small minority who wish to press their selfish demands".

Mr. Steel speaking at a party

Mr Steel, speaking at a party rally in Loudon, said he expec-ted the Government and the

unions to be more vocal in con-

demning the power workers. There have been signs of

similar irresponsibility among

aviation workers, car workers

and today television employees.

and no doubt there will be mong a minority of miners.

The public mood is, I believe, one that will back the Government in taking a firm stand."

He described the parliamentary arrangement as "an agreement of influence; it is not a condition." Pointing to the re-

coalition "Pointing to the re-cent Gallup Poll majority favouring the pact, he said: "The people of Britain can

and better way open to them at

middle ground

been put back to the beginning of December.

original proposals were seen as being administratively cumbersome and the benefits too unrealistic to make the effort worthwhile.

However, after protracted discussions, some of the diffi-culties are being removed. It seems almost certain that the bonus for people who save at least £1,000 will be increased and that the time interval for savings to be held before a matching government loan can be acquired is likely to be

Those two improvements, it is felt, will make the scheme more attractive for the buildfor young couples. The main administrative burden of the proposals will probably fall on the building societies.

The administrative burdles The administrative burdles have still not been totally overcome. Nor least of the difficulties is how to measure how
long people have been saving.
It seems likely that the building societies will be the
channel through which the
Government will make the
5500 least available to berowers rather than paying it

That is the kind of technical point that makes all the dif-ference between running the scheme smoothly and efficiently and running it at much greater expense. The building societies will, after the five-year period of grace, be responsible for re-paying the loan and interest to

the Government.

It was calculated in July that
the two proposals combined would cost between £40m and

many young couples will take advantage of the scheme. The savings period being built into both proposals may be a com-mitment that some may not be If house prices begin to rise

If house prices begin to rise rapidly it may not be worth while to wait a couple of years to qualify for the £500 loan. However, the fact that it can be used for other expenses such as meeting legal fees or buying the muptial bed will make it a welcome source of funds for many. funds for many.

The Government's previous attempt to ease the lot of the first-time buyer with a low-start mortgage scheme was a dismal failure. Interest payment was deferred in the early years of the mortgage and the capital increased it was capital increased. It was designed during the housing boom when the ratio between incomes and house prices was nearly one to four

New power on doctors' registration sought

By Our Health Services Correspondent

The British Medical Association will press for improved methods of registration of overseas doctors to be included in the Bill to restructure the General Medical Council.

But the Bill is expected to be non-controversial and concen-trate on making the GMC more representative by increasing the size of the council to 98 with a majority of elected members, on the lines of the Merrison committee report into the functions and constitution of the council, published in 1975. The Bill is also expected to

give the council powers to con-trol the registration of doctors unfit to practice on health grounds. The Merrison committee con-

cluded that the GMC's respon-sibility should extend beyond professional conduct to include the mentally or physically sick doctor. The committee thought it unwise to compel doctors legally to report the ill health of colleagues but thought that in certain cases it might be appropriate for the GMC to proceed against a doctor who took no action to protect the public from a sick colleague. The committee suggested that a health committee should be established with powers to suspend a doctor's registration or impose conditional registration.



The Duke and Duchess of Kent arriving for the state opening of Parliament yesterday. Parliamentary report, page 6.

Liberals pushing for official information Bill

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Liberal Party pressure for an official information Bill that would extend civil liberties by removing the legal ban on the disclosure of government the disclosure of government and Cabinet documents and Whitehall decision is to be

increased.

Mr Sreel and his Liberal colleagues were disappointed by the phraseology of the Queen's Speech. Whereas other plans were prefaced by the words "legislation will be introduced" or "legislation will be brought before you", the message on government information was: "Legislative proposals will be brought for-ward for the reform of section 2 of the Official Secrets Act,

That is the formula used to indicate that a White Paper, not a Bill, will be produced. The Liberals believe that the arguments in favour of a formation Act on the broad relaxation of the law that lines recommended by the

wrgently needed.

Mr Steel said last night:

"We shall look for an extension of civil liberties through the reform of section 2 of the 1911 Official Secrets Act on the lines recommended in the report of our Liberal colleague, Lord Franks.

The Franks committee re-

The Franks committee re-The Franks committee re-ported as long ago as 1972, re-commending drastic changes in the classification of official in-formation. They would involve the complete redrafting of sec-tion 2 of the 1911 Act, which forbids unauthorized disclosure of manufacturing of of government information of any kind.

Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, announced on November 22, 1976, that the Government had concluded that section 2 should be replaced with an official in-

imposes criminal penalties on journalists and others who cated that the Government reveal "official information" would be prepared to go further are conclusive, and action is urgently needed.

Most Seed of the conclusion of the Government's conclusions was that a criminal sanction was not justified in the economic sphere or in relation to the disclosure of Cabinet and Cabinet committee documents unless they fell into the limited num-ber of protected categories.

Since then, there have been protracted discussions between ministers and the Civil Service about the categories of informa-tion, mostly concerned with defence and international rela-tions and not so much with "Budget secrets", which still need to be the subject of criminal sanctions if anyone

Mr Rees has said the category that would remain protected extends to certain areas of defence policy and strategy, and of international relations where unauthorized disclosure would be prejudicial to British in-

terests, to relations with a foreign government, or to the safety of British citizens." These areas have been diffi-cult to define. Mr Callaghan has been in the chair at the ministerial meetings held to discuss the legislation, and the fact that the Government is now clearly indicating that a White clearly indicating that a White Paper must preceed the Bill shows how difficult classifica-

There is understandable anxiety among Civil Servents that the new rules governing disclosure will be drawn so vaguely that they will be at even greater risk than now of being taken to court along with the journalists and others with m they may communicate. Many Labour and Liberal

MPs are demanding that criminal penalties should be reserved for unauthorized dis-closure of official information where it involves a threat to national security or to indiv-idual property.

Backing for low-cost transport By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

Transport Correspondent
New support for minibuses, postbuses and other forms of low-cost community public transport will be the main feature of transport legislation in the new session. Local authorities will be required to give such schemes a role in their forward transport planning, and the traffic commissioners will be required not to impede them.

was be required not to ampete them.

A notable omission will be the compoversial idea put forward in the transport White Paper in June to hand over responsibility for loss-making rail services to local authorities. It has been strongly opposed by rail management and unions as "balkanization of the railway network", and by local authorities who see themselves landed either with the cost of loss-making services or the odium of closing them.

There will be measures to put the National Freight Corporation, which lost £15m last year and £30m the year before and claims in be carrying £10m to £20m a year in unfair pension and interest burdens, on a sound financial fooring, probably by carriers to the services of the services of the composition of the services of the composition of the services of the services of the composition of the services of the services of the composition of the services of the ser

sound financial footing, prob-ably by capital write-off. Financial support for British Rail will continue.

Incentives for urban industries

By Our Planning Reporter The commitment to provide

further assistance to innerurban areas may be assumed to refer to industrial incentives. The Government already has wide powers to control housing expenditure allocations and to vary the cate-support grant, and last mouth it announced an extension of its special aid programme to selected towns

What many urban authorities have been pleading for are powers to offer special incentives to companies to establish factories in decaying districts.
The Government's response was
contained in a White Paper
published last June, which is
likely to provide the framework
for legislation.

for legislation.

Among its recommendations were that councils should be empowered to make loans of up to 90 per cent for land purchases, new factories and improving existing andustrial premises, to establish industrial improvement areas, along broadly the same lines as housing improvement areas: housing improvement areas: and in some cases to provide initial rent-free periods and to contribute to the cost of site preparation.

Threat to Labour unity over Europe poll By Michael Hatfield

given a warning last night of a potential explosion involving the Government and the Labour Party, over direct elecment, in a speech by Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the party.

Mr Hayward insisted that

the new Bill must enshrine the conditions approved at party conference this year, but Mr Callaghan firmly stated in the Commons yesterday that the Bill would be substantially the same as that introduced in the last session. He recognized that that was likely "to give some difficulties inside the parties."

parties."

According to Mr Hayward, who was speaking at Kettering, a joint meeting between the Cabinet and the party's national executive committee on November 28 "will thrash out this and other Common Market problems"

The meeting, however, may well have little influence because the BiN is to be published next Thursday, and it is not expected to include all the demands made at the party conference.

conference.

As outlined by Mr Hayward

last night, they are: Clauses in the Bill preventing any changes in the powers of the European Assembly; the need to fight on a platform of radical change within the EEC; the desirability of holding the EEC alterious on the same day EEC elections on the same day as the British general election; Labour candidates should be selected before each election using selected defore each election
using normal constituency
machinery, and be bound by
party policy and accountable to
the party.

The main disagreement will
be over the turning of direct
elections, for Mr Callaghan is
unlikely to account the particu-

unlikely to accept the notion of double polling on the same

day.

Mr Hayward said: "If these face unprecedenced scale, and the splits would not easily be healed. We have got some hard and fast thinking to do on the question of how to implement hese vital conditions in a way that will maintain our unity.

Fishing pact welcomed The fishing industry welcomed

the reference to the Government's commitment to secure better conditions, meeting the needs of the industry, conserving fish stocks and ensuring adequate supplies to The British Fishing Federa-

tion, which represents most trawler owners, said: "All fishermen will find it reassuring. The numerous disappoint-ments of the past have made them wary of any Covernment's real commitment to their interests."

drawn on devolution timing push up fares, airlines say Continued from page 1 He was scathing over the Con-

tion or by the traditional "first

The middle ground of politics can at last assert itself. There is no need to vote Labour and be saddled with a Labour majority. There is no need to lurch to the other extreme of a Thatcher-Joseph Tory government. Nor do we need simply to sigh and dream dreams of a Liberal governfor European elections next year. Mr Callaghan noted her year. Mr Callaghan noted her "alibi". He then made clear anything much else, I can tell house approved the regional list, as the Government wished, Liberal MP for Coine Valley, could elections come in 1978.

A "first past the post" discipline. But more likely Mr system, requiring delimiting of constituencies, would mean no payell's Scottish constituents alection before 1979. ment."
The Liberals had signalled the end of the politics of con-frontation. At the next election they would appeal for enlarged Liberal strength in the House so that the next government.

Labour or Tory, has to be even more mindful of Liberal views and so govern with the backing

Scotland devolution and European elections Bills. There is
to be a free vote on the method
of electing MPs to Europe,
whether by the regional list
type of proportional representation or by the traditional "first

past the post "system. All the other votes are to be subject to a three-line whip on the Government side.

Came to Mr Tem Delyeell, from the Labour side. Mr Delyell asked whether he, and the Prime Minister, would still be Mrs Thatcher predicted that able to vote in matters in their there was little chance of get own constituencies? Mr there was little chance of get own constituencies? Mr ting through a Bill allowing Callaghan retorted that if he does not vote for the Bill he will not be able to vote

election before 1979.

On devolution, Mr Callaghan he persisted in opposing devowould not be drawn on timing.

Mr Callaghan refuses to be Noise and piracy plans will

By Arthur Reed, Air Correspondent

Air fares are bound to rise outlined in the Queen's Speech to change the system of pay-ments for security against air piracy and for taxing noisy air-

liners.
Both schemes will cost the lines more to operate. Opinion in the industry last night was that the extra charges must be added to passenger and cargo tariffs. The change in charging for

security measures at airports was foreshadowd by the Department of Trade in February when it was estimated that a levy of 80p on each activing passenger would be

necessary.
The Government pays £15m a year for security verting at airports. That figure is expected to rise to £19m by April I, 1978.

The new plan, to be jucluded in an amendment to the Civil Aviation Acts, will make airport authorities liable for paying for vetting. They will then send the bill to the airlines.

The amendment of the aviation Acts covering noise will empower airport authorities to penalize airlines that operate aircraft that cause too much noise, vibration or any other form of pollution, such as smoke.

Details of the scheme remain to be worked out by the Department of Trade, which could choose several methods of applying penalties. of applying penalties.

Whichever scheme is adopted it will have the effect of hastening the scrapping of older, noisier airliners such as the early Boeing 707s, DC8s and Tridents and the purchase by the airlines, at ecormous capital cost, of the new generation of wide-bodied airliners.

Doubts on chances of law reform measures

the Government is encounter-ing in finding time for the debate of any but its most im-portant legislative proposals. It is unlikely that any of the lt is unlikely that any of the law reform measures in the pipeline can be implemented unless there is all-party agreement on their content, allowing them to be dealt with in second reading committee instead of by full debate on the

floor of the House. Probably the most important

The vague reference in the speech is indictive of the difficulty, which magistrates courts into line magistrates courts into line with that used in the higher The vague reference to law would bring the law on matricourts. At present there are sometimes significant differences in the way the two stocks. levels of court deal with the same facts. The legislation introductions of the world by the Law Commendations of the state of the state

made by the Law Commission.

Another important reform
would streamline the structure
of the courts in Northern Ireland, in much the same way as the courts in England and Wales were rationalized in

A short Bill tidying up the confused state of the law on the legal immunity of foreign heads of state and foreign goverrumental agencies is on the

For Scotland laws are to be introduced implementing some of the recommendations of the inal procedure. They may include reducing the size of Scottish juries (now 15 members) increasing the powers of sheriffs, and allowing tape recordings to be admitted in

Planning law may need redrafting

district council, Oxfordshire, cation was rejected by the The case suggests that authori-The case suggests that authorilast year, the issue was ties may be misinterpreting assumed to have been resolved. the various Town and Country Planning Acts, or that the Acts application was submitted for

interest. In 1973 a farmer in extant.

extant.

objectors retorted that the tal meeting of its planning ingford was granted outline three-year petiod, during committee next Mouday to permission by the former dis
which details of an application reconsider the whole matter.

By John Young
Planning Reporter
Uncertainty about the planning law at local authority
level has been disclosed by an application now under review by the Vale of White Horse

Trict council to build a house for his dairy herd manager.

Residents objected that the building would obstruct their relief and character from insisted that the mere fact that the setting and character of the first detailed application the virlage in general. When, to their relief, a detailed application three years, even though it had been submitted within to their relief, a detailed application three years, even though it had been refused must be submitted, had long since expired, as had the six month period allowed for insisted that the mere fact that the virlage in general. When, the planning reporter is not application in the planning law at local authority level has been disclosed by an application now under review the virlage in general. When, the planning law at local authority level has been disclosed by an application now under review the virlage in general. When, the council still the planning law at local authority level has been disclosed by an application now under review the virlage in general. When, the planning law at local authority level has been disclosed by an application the virlage in general. When, the provided has the planning law at local authority level has been disclosed by an application now under review the virlage in general. When, the provided has the provided has the planning law at local authority level has been disclosed by an application now under review the virlage in general when the provided has been disclosed by an application to the planning law at local authority level has been disclosed by an application now under review the virlage in general when the provided has been disclosed by an application to the planning law at local authority law and would detract from insisted that the provided has been disclosed by an application to the planning law at local authority law at local authority law at loca ssumed to have been resolved. without the council's incurring But earlier this year a new liability for compensation.

been refused, meant that the outline permission was still valid and could not be revoked

The circumstances of the application, although it has aroused articulate protest, including that of Sir John Betjeman, are of mainly parochial interest. In 1973 a farmer in the Cotswold village of Shellingford was granted outline

tries in the Middle East were involved in shady deals, the prosecution alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday at the trial of a British Army officer accused of taking bribes. Mr Kenneth Richardson, for the Crown, said many essentially illegal dealings were disguised under a nice name.

egainst Lieutenant-Colonel David Randel, who worked for the Minister of Defence sales organization, and two executives of a radio equipment firm.
Col Randel is accused of taking about £25,000 in bribes to

ensure that radio equipment made by the two other defendants' company was bought and installed in Chieftain tanks sold to the Shah of Iran.
Mr Richardson said: "Many people are perbaps engaged in shady activities, unwilling to call a spade a spade. Every bribe is in a sense a commission, but not all commission moneys are bribes."

Geoffrey Wellburn, aged 40, of Woodside Road, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Frank Nurdin, aged 60, of Barnet Road, Arkley, Hertfordshire. Mr Wellburn was managing director of Racal BCC Ltd at Wembley, a subsidiary of the Racal group at Bracknell, Berkshire which specializes in electronic and communication equipment, Mr Nurdin was the

The trial continues today.

Firemen may call for strike NUR to seek 'substantial' although leaders back 10%

executive is expected to recommend its 30,000 members to accept a pay offer of 10 per cent and the prospect of further advances on earnings and hours next year.

next Monday, at which mili-tants are expected to seek strike action in support of their original claim for 30 per cent. Union leaders agreed yesterday to circulate brigades with details of the offer after talks with the local authority employers resumed.

the outcome of the discussions to the membership.

After consultations between

both sides and Mr Rees, Home Secretary, it appears that the employers have stuck rigidly to their line of 10 per cent as

But they have indicated, without firm commitment, that the firemen's 48-bour week might be reduced by three hours next autumn and another three in 1979. members employed by British Rail, London Transport and British Transport Hotels.

The the union's executive yesterday stood by NUR policy of not seeking to break the 12-month rule. But the union will be closely watching the negotiations on the miners' pay Mr Rees is believed to have told the two sides in the negoti-

ations that to compensate for that, money should be available to recruit the extra 3,000 firement who will be needed at each stage.
Discussions would also con-

tinue on the pay of firemen relative to other groups and. Mr Rees is thought to have indicated that he would seriously consider the findings of any internal study.

As with the police, whose pay review by Lord Edmund-Davies. is due in April, Mr Rees is not

implementing any findings.

Monday's debate is likely to be stormy. With nine brigades restricting themselves to emer-gency calls, union leaders will find themselves under pressure. Staffordshire is one brigade that has called for industrial action and others are expected to follow suit.

committing himself to a date for

Lady Wootton favours

tiations on the miners pay

claim.

The NUR has started talks

decision this year to "sign the death warram" of the House of Lords is accepted "not with our regrets" by Lady Wootton of Abinger, the Labour peer, in an article published by New Societo today.

able obstacles, and that (at least in a unitary state) a second chamber is bound to be either obstructive or superfluous", she writes.
If Bills could be first published for wide discussion and if the Commons worked to a sensible timerable and made

more use of committees to examine legislative poropsals surely 635 elected legislators be enough to govern us, with our the addition of a few doing the same work, she says. harm to two police officers.

The National Union of Rail-waymen decided yesterday to lodge immediate claims for is for increases to restore the "substantial" pay increases standard of living before phase substantial" pay increases standard of living before phase from next April for its 170,000 one. To do that, the NUR calculation of the standard of living before phase from next April for its 170,000 one.

lates, would require rises of 63 per cent. The NUR is in negotiations

for its 20,000 members, mainly lorry drivers, in the National Freight Corporation. The negotiators are under pressure to go for an award of 15 per cent like that offered to West Midland lorry drivers in a deal being with the British Railways Board examined by the Government, in the hope of gaining a national But so far neither party has payment on productivity out-

Life sentence for murder Lords' abolition By Our Political Correspondent

10 to two.

pay increases from April

The Labour Party conference

"I am driven to the conclusion that, whatever path to reform one may explore, one is eventually blocked by insuper-

of Heidi Reddin Sentences of life imprison-

ment for murder and eight years for rape, to run concurrent y, were imposed by Mr Justi e Croom-Johnson at Norwi. Crown Court yesterday on Pet Hunter, aged 27, a dustman. Paradise Read. Downbr. Paradise Read Market, Norfolk. . He had pleaded not guilty on

the charges, which incredible Reddin, aged 14, of F crest, Downbern Market, disappeared in December year while hitch hiking and it. body was found in a duch. The jury returned a versity of guilty by a majority of

Police harm charge Stuart Brickell, aged '?. accountant, was remand d Clerkenwell Magistrates Cu London, yesterday, clar with causing grievous

pendence as a writer under his agreed with the findings of the role of the editor to introduce editorship. NPA—NUJ dispute procedure into articles words that he Mr Tether, aged 63, of Hill that the working relationship would not have written with-Road, Worplesdon, Surrey between them had broken who wrote the Lombard col- down and that that was why umn in the Financial Times for Mr Tether left the newspaper. 21 years alleged that he was un-Mr Fisher disagreed that Mr fairly dismissed 13 months ago Tether lost his independence efforts to speak to Mr Tether after a protracted dispute over under his editorship. If he had but the rime came when he but the rime came when he Mr Fisher's control of his arti- bad a proper working relationcies. He seeks reinstatement and has rejected a compensation offer of full pay until normal retirement age, together with an unaffected pension. Mr Tether's case his options together with an unaffected pension. Mr Tether's case his options could be regarded as "border-they stood or alter them, trying ing not to change the sense in their quality was very good. It was totally untrue that Mr rether's case his options to run as fisher that been motivated by had told the tribunal that if an many offeces by Mr Tether as malice in his editorial indecles. He seeks reinstatement ship with Mr Terher he would

Mr M. H. (Fredy) Fisher, members of his staff. "Would mind because he hoped that Editor of the Financial Times, you agree that is what hapdenied at a London Industrial
pened in my case?" he asked.

Mr Fisher replied that Mr

Mr Tether said he objected tribunal yesterday that the Tether had rendered long and to Mr Fisher's "doctoring" his newspaper's columnist, Mr C. distinguished service to the articles. He was an independ-Gordon Tether, lost his inde- Financial Times but that he ent writer and it was not the

had told the tribunal that if an many pieces by Mr Tether as malice in his editorial judgeditor behaved unreasonably possible, and did not want to ments.

The was analous to run as risner nag over motivated by many pieces by Mr Tether as malice in his editorial judgments.

The hearing continues today.

Denial that columnist lost independence

out his consent.
Mr Fisher said any alterations he made were in good faith. He had made many

simply gave up. Mr Jeffrey Owen, the news-

'Many are engaged in shady deals'

Many businessmen who handled contracts with coun-

He was opening the case

Col Randel, aged 40, of the Royal Signals, Aldershot, denies corruption charges with

sales director.

By Our Labour Staff The Fire Brigades Union

The decision, however, remains with the recalled annual conference of the union

Neither side would say what the details were. Mr Terence Parry, the union's general secretary, felt it best to report

Radio had been seen by the to listen to BBC. Radio had been seen by the to issten to BBC.

Central Policy Review Staff Royal Commonwealth Society, (think tank) as "a sort of public utility, like water or elec-tricity, to be switched on when tone of British broadcasting and you need news and information about world affairs", Mr

Think tank's radio 'error' people all over the world chose was a regard for British ways

a trust in its professionalism and integrity. Ultimately it is the climate Gerard Mansell, managing director, external broadcasting, He said the "tank", which proposed substantial cuts in external broadcasting, had overlooked its impostderable influence but among the many in all walks of life whose looked its impostderable influence must in the long run count as much." looked its imponderable influ-cumulative influence must ence and the reasons why the long run count as much."

RUBELNOWITS IN OSIRY!

Hidden amongst all the good news that's making the financial headlines are a few worrying facts.

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The first: our economy is down there with Italy's and Southern Ireland's fighting to get off the bottom of the league.

Which is precisely what you'd expect a bank to say. Especially one that is already lending over £2,000 million to Industry and wants to lend more.

But is now the right time to borrow?

We believe it is.

Shares, gold reserves and the pound are up. Inflation, the increase in retail prices and raw material costs are down.

> So too are interest rates. Our base rate is now a flat 6%. Interest rates on Medium Term Loans are more favourable now than they have been for a number of years. But there are other

factors. For the first time in many years this country is earning its keep.

North Sea oil is providing a steady flow of money that's helping to stabilize our economy.

Foreigners are starting to put their Francs, Dollars and Marks into Britain again.

And according to the IMF we're making better progress than expected along the road to recovery.

It is now, with these signs of what the journalists call an 'up turn' in our economy, that investment will do the most good.

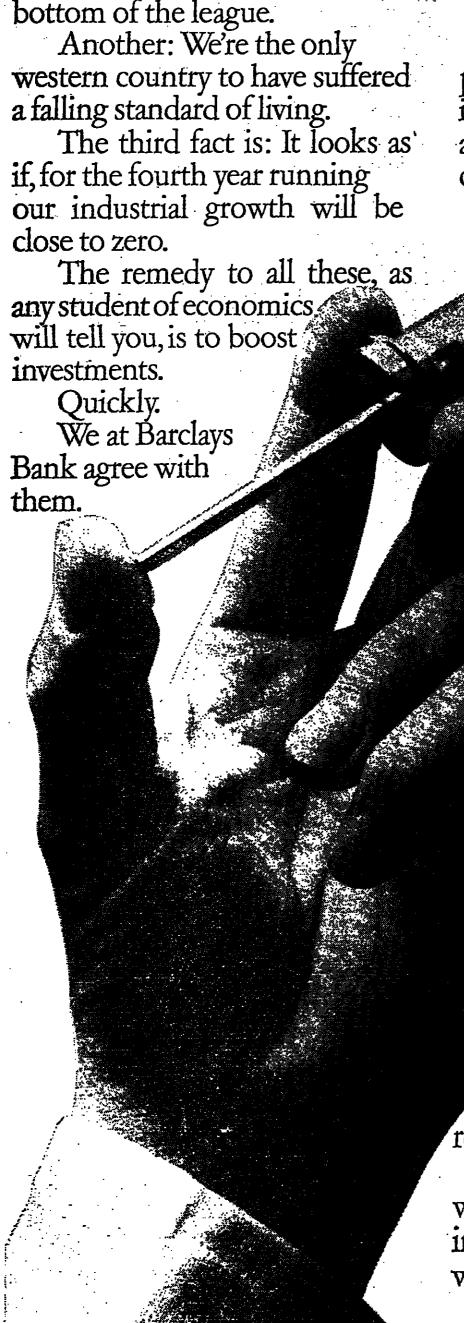
The reasons that companies give for lack of growth and poor performance are, we know,

close as your nearest Barclays Bank, lack of money won't be one of them.

many and varied. But this time, with funds as

BARCLAYS

As at 2nd November 1977.



Reintroduction of legislation on devolution and direct elections heads new session's programme

The Queen's Speech at the opening of the new session in the House of Lords this morning was as follows:

My Lords and members of the

House of Commons,
My husband and I look back
with delight and gratitude on the
events which marked my Silver
Inbilee at home and overseas, and
the values which an made to many the visits which as made to many parts of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. I look forward to paying a state visit to the Fed-eral Republic of Germany next blay and to opening the Common-wealth Games in Edmonton in

In pursuit of peace and collec-tive security, the United Kingdom remains committed to the aims of detente, disarmament and the prevention of the spread of nacteur weapons. My Governation reaffirm their policies in international relations and defence, and will contrib-nie fully to the work of the United Nations, the Commonwealth and the North Atlantic Alliance.

While working for politice which fully reflect the interests of the United Kingdom, my Government will play a full and cooperative part in the activities, the development and the enlargement of the European Economic Community.

They will continue to contribute European Economic Community.

They will continue to contribute modern and effective forces to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and to play their full part in the current alliance studies of East/West relations and of the affiance's defence programmes. They are participating constructively in the important meeting in Belgrade which is being held as part of the follow-up to the kinal Act of the Conference on Security-and Conperation In Europe; they Act of the Conference on Security-and Cooperation in Europe: they will abide by the provisions of the Final Act, and continue to seek fulfilment of all its provisions by other signatories. They remain committed to the parsult of detente in their relations with the Soviet Union and the countries of eastern Europe.

My Government will continue to

My Government will continue to take part in international efforts to combat recession and promote a more stable world economic order, and a forcer distribution, within an expanding world economy, of the world's wealth between rich and poor nations; they will maintain their special efforts to help the process countries and the process

people.

They will work for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, and the further improvement of relations between the United Kingdom and all the countries in the area. They will continue to comperate with all concerned in the search for a lasting settlement in Coprus, where they welcome the resumption of intercommunal talks.

Efforts will be maintained to achieve a negotiated settlement in Rhudesla, on the basis of my Government's proposals published in September this year, which are designed to provide a secure future for people of all races. My Government will be ready during the current session to introduce legislation to enable Rhodesla to proceed to independence on this basis. Members of the House of Commons.

Estimates for the public service will be laid before you.

country's financial position and balance of payments opens the pro-spect for a continuing improve-ment in the economy and the main-tenance of financial stability. My

renance or mancial stability. My Government's main objectives are the speedless possible return to full employment and a sustained growth of output. In order to achieve these objectives they will give the highest priority to further reductions in the enter of influence. reductions in the rate of inflation.

My Government will continue to
take action to reduce high onem-

trial training.

They will ensure that the bene-fits of North Sea oil are used to achieve a lasting improvement in our industrial performance and therefore to provide more jobs, higher real incomes and improved public services.

All ministers will continue to

work in close cooperation with the Trades Union Congress and the Confederation of British Industry. Confederation of British Industry.
Internationally my Government
will continue to urge that the
stronger economies should take the
lead in promoting a sustained
growth in the world and that adequate official finance should be
made available on appropriate
terms to countries with continuing
deficits in the balance of payments.

ments.
My Covernment remain firmly
committed to establishing directly
elected assemblies for Scotland
and Wales. Separate Bills will be
introduced for this purpose.

In Northern Ireland my Government will maintain their aims of establishing a devolved Government acceptable to both parts of the community; and eradicating terrorism by the prosecution through the courts of those responsible for violence and by continuing to develop the effectiveness of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, supported by my armed forces. My supported by my armed forces. My Government attach special importance to cooperation on matters of security with the Government of the Republic of Ireland. They will continue to seek measures to strengthen the economy of North-ern Ireland and improve its social

Legislation providing for the election of United Kingdom members of the European Assembly will be reintroduced. Further consultations will be held on industrial democracy, with a view to producing proposals which should command general support, and my ministers will continue directly to encourage the development of industrial democracy the proposals industrial democracy in the proposals industrial racy in the uniforalized industries.
There will be a review of the legislation and institutions governing competition policy, to see that this makes its maximum contribu-

firms.
They will also hold consultations about encouraging profit-sharing through the tax system. Legislation will be brought forward to amend company law.

A Bill will be introduced to provide public funds to finance pay-

workers in the public sector.
Legislation will be introduced
providing for changes in the structure of the electricity industry and

dustry.

Continued encouragement will be given to the efficient production, processing and distribution of food with the aim of meeting a greater proportion of our rational neets from United Kingdom agriculture. My ministers will seek improvements in the operation of the common agricultural policy.

My Government will continue to My Government will continue to seek major reform of the common fisheries policy. They will aim to secure conditions which will meet the needs of the British fishing industry, conserve fishing stacks, and excurs administ stratic at the secure of the stacks.

ture adequate supplies to the consumer.

A Bill will be labl before you to increase the borrowing powers of the Civil Aviation Authority and British Airways, to provide for a levy to finance aviation security and to amend the civil aviation

ACIS.

Legislation will be introduced for the further development of transport policy to meet economic and social needs, including those and gottal needs, succeeding more of rural greas.

Legislation will be brought before you to provide assistance for first-time home buyers.

A Bill will be introduced to renew and revive the igner urban

Legislation will be inroduced on composition and certain func-ns of the General Medical Coun-

cil.

In addition to my Government's full programme of constitutional and other reforms for the present session. They remain committed to bringing forward at the earliest opportunity a number of further highly desirable measures of reform. These measures include improvements in safety desirables. provements in safety discipline at sea and other aspects of merchant shipping, and the right of Post Office staff to take industrial

Legislative proposals will be brought forward for the reform of section 2 of the Official Secrets. Act, 1911.

Following the report of the Committee on the Future of Broadcasting, my Government will bring forward proposals on the constitution, structure and organization of broadcating in the United Kingdom.

An increase in the limit on pub-

posed before the present limit expires.

Measures will be brought before you to reform public sector housing subsidies in Scotland; to improve criminal procedure and reform the criminal justice system in Scotland; and to extend the powers of Scotlish local authorities in relation to their direct labour organizations. before you.

My Lords and members of the House of Commons,

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

Back again to candles and power cuts

House of Commons

hirs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C) said she had the feeling they C) said she had the feeling they had been there before.

Here we are (she said) going round the same course again. We have been here before when we look at the background of strikes. It is ironic in this Jubilee year that the people of this country were unable to see the television show of the opening of Parliament. (Conservative shout of "Disgraceful".)

It was also interesting to see the strike figures for the first months of the year up to and including September. Far more working days were lost this year than in the same period for 1973, when 5.500,000 working days were lost compared with 6,366,000 this year. Some of the difficulties many people thought had been resolved were rearing their heads in even more acute form.

Here we are (she communed) back to being offered candles and power cuts. We have been here before.

On the mind-budget, the Chancel-It was also interesting to see the

before.

On the mini-budget, the Chancellor of the Exchequer had done a disservice to himself and to fumre Chancellors by laying himself open to having repeated changes in income tax during the year. He would not be able to resist another change.

come tax nuring the year. It would not be able to resist another change.

In the past (she continued) Chancellors were expected to make up their minds about income lax at least once a year and to stick to it. That is what a strategy is all about. Indirect taxes were used as a regulator and the Chancellor could now be asked when the next reduction of income tax would occur because there was nothing to stop Finance Bills being introduced more than once a year.

The feeling that they had been there before applied to sume of the legislotive provisions. There was a difference between the ways mitted to establishing directly elections were referred to. On devolution the Speech said the Government remained firmly committed to establishing directly elected assemblies for Scotland and Wales. On direct elections, it

No one would think there had been an increase in unemployment from last year in this. The same purises were trotted out, but the funda-mental deterioration had gone on. The only hope the Government had was from North Sea oil. With-out that the economy would be remained at an even located land.

running at an even lower level activity.

In the past when there had been trading difficulties they had been surted out in balance of payments

sured out in helance of payments terms by running the economy into progressively deeper recession. The Government had thready got it into a deeper recession than any experienced in the postwar period.

The way to judge how badly the Government had done was to imagine what the position would be now without the prospect of North Sea oil. The exchange rate would be far lower, the rate of memployment would probably be two milion and the rate of inflation would have little prospect. The Government had no policy and no strategy. They were running industryinto a steady, fundamental, underlying decline, boping that North Sea oil would rescue them from it.

Britain still had the same economic problems. North Sea oil could be the problems. North Sea oil could be the problems.

mic problems. North Sea oil could have serious consequences unless the proceeds were put to good effect and not, as in Holland, used for extra public expenditure and extru social services instead of stronger industry. Although the Prime Minister said he wanted them used to strengthen industry, she did not believe they would be. They would be used as a rescue operation to try to get the Government out of their problems.

operation to try to get the Government out of their problems.

Last year on defence the Speech said the Government would continue to contribute modern and effective forces to Nato. This year the words were almost the same.

The prestige of Erhain could not be lower than it was in Nato, nor could the morale of Britain's forces be lower about their pay and conditions of service. [Opposition cheers.] She hoped the Government would quickly give attention to this urgent matter.

On behalf of Conternatives she hoped the Prime Minister would give to the Queen their loyal and

affectionate congratulations on the matchless and flawless way she had

carried out all the jubilee events. (Cheers.) This had been both a

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triumph and an example.

mic problems. North Sea oil could

Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister (Cardiff, South-East, Lab) said he supposed Mrs Thatcher would he supposed Mrs Thatcher would try to have it both ways on public expenditure cuts but she would not carry much conviction. It did not lie in her mouth to pick up the kind of complaint like that on forces' pay, which the Tories would doubtless use time after time in the country, and pretend there was any painless way to car public spending. There was not. When it was reduced, people suffered and services went under.

On the statement by Mr Brertner to the joint session of the Supreme Soviet yesterday, Mr Brezhnev to the joint session of the Supreme Soviet yesterday, Mr Brezhnev. President Carter and himself had agreed that negotiations would begin last July on trying to get a comprehensive test ban treaty. He (Mr Callaghan) had said there was a serious and businessilke atmosphere about these discussions but that they were held up because the Soviet Union genuinely advanced the view that peaceful nuclear explosions could be delineated separately from others.

The statement yesterday, saying that Mr Brezhnev was prepared to reach agreemen on a moratorium covering peaceful nuclear explosions, along with a ban on all mitted to establishing directly-elected assemblies for Scotland and Wales. On direct elections, it said merely that legislation provid-ing for the election of United Kingdom members to the Euro-pean Assembly would be reintro-duced. Apparently the Government were not firmly committed to that. If, by any chance, that particular Bill did not get through in time for direct elections in Europe, the fault would be the Government's. Both of these measures were in the Speach last year. The direct elections EEE area described in

Both of these measures were an me speech last year. The direct elections Bill was not introduced in the last session for it ever to have any chance of genting through. It would have little chance of getting through in time for direct elections this time. In that event, the fault would lie with the Government.

The Speech contained no reference to an Education Bill, although such a measure was expected to give parents greater choice of schools. Now that there were more schools of the same kind, it was even more important to give parents a greater choice and greater say in the running of those schools, both in the curriculum and among the governors. In the case of the schools provisions of the Speech, once again there were certain similarities in the language used between this Speech and the last one. The same phrases were trotted out each year. No one would think there tast year. reach agreement on a moratorium covering peaceful nuclear explosions, along with a bin on all nuclear weapon tests, was a most significant development of Soviet policy. He welcomed it.

It is (he said) a signal to the West that the Soviet leadership is in earnest about the policy of detente.

in earnest about the policy of defence.

On defence cuts, if every other Nato country spent the same proportion of their gap on defence as Britain spent, Nato's troubles would have been over long since.

The proposals in the Queen's Speech constituted a full programme for a normal session. The Hills on devolution and on direct elections to the European assembly would take a substantial part of parliamentary time. There would also be the usual essential Bills and some highly desirable ones which the Government would like to introduce and would do so if time became available.

He wished to indicate some other matters which were becoming ripe for legislation but which

would depend on time being availwould depend on time oring acadesable.

There was a possible Bill to implement a European Convention on the suppression of terrorism, a Bill to establish new bodies to be

the suppression of terrorism, a Bill to establish new bodies to be responsible for professional standards in oursing and midwifery, measures of consumer protection and cooperation; including preparation of legislation to establish a Cooperative Development Agency. Then where was a measure to protect small depositors. There was a pruspect of an education Bill, too. It would deal with school management and parents' wishes in the allocation of schools. There was a growing need to reorganize the higher courts in Ulster. There is to likelihood (he said) of Parliament being short of work. Indeed, there seems enough work not only for this setsion but also for a full and fruitful session in 1978-79—(Labour cheers)—but perhaps we had better with and see how things develop. (Laughter.) Obviously (he said) the fact that the Government are in a minority here makes the tisk of legislation more difficult. It does not impede us really on administrative matters except where administrative decisions need later to be submitted to Parliament.

On the whole, despite one or two mishaps, I think we have managed rather well so for.

I would (he said) like to refer to

mishape, I think we have managed rather well so far. I would (he said) like to refer to the decision of the Liberal Party to enter into a working arrangement with the Covernment. By doing so, while preserving their full independence as a party—(Concervative laughter)—they have ensured—and this is why the Opposition is so angry with the Liberal Party—a measure of political stability at a time when the country was passing through a period of economic and financial difficulty last year.

year. The decision of the Liberal Party are greater certainty to the Government that we could purise with steadiness the policies that are now being seen to produce results. And the Liberal Party is entitled to full credit for that and their decision. But the Opposition never-allows us to forget that the Covernment is still in a nuturity in the House, although whether we are still in a minority in the country is perhaps more a most point.

inconvenience: pay guidelines must stand I say this because we have an important legislative programme to carry through. I would not want to see major items in that programme either mutilated or prevented from being brought to a conclusion.

The Government Front Bench in the House of Commons awaiting the summons to hear the Queen's Speech yesterday.

PM's warning of a winter of dislocation and

that are now largely removed.

In short, I see he need for an election. The Government with Liberal support has a working majority. I hope SNP and Pl Cymru MPs agree it would be a disservice to the people of Scotland and Wales if the two Bills are not brought to a conclusion so that Scotland and Wales can then vote on the issue in a referendem on the specific questions of whether they want to see the assemblies-brought into being. The passage of these two bills is a major issue for the Government.

For reasons that have never been

For reasons that have never been made clear but which we can all suspect and I think we know, somehow the Conservative Party Is still opposed to coming to a concusion on this matter. All they want is a never-ending round of ralk and talk end talk.

Experience showed it was always possible for talkers to prevent the passage of measures of this kind unless there was a timetable. The Government therefore proposed a fixed amount of time should be allocated to these Bills. They would be asking the House to agree a timetable which would allow for a systematic discussion and a proper conclusion.

The policy of the Government was to play a strong and positive part in the development of the European Community. They would again present to Parliament a Bill to provide direct elections to the European Assembly. Their purpose was a strangthen unity and democraty in Europe. This would be done with two conditions in mind.

First, the authority of national Experience showed it was always

First, the authority of national governments and parliaments had to be maintained. Second, they had to ensure the common policies followed by the Community did not impede national governments in impede national governments in attaining their economic, industrial and regional objectives. In that context they would continue to work for changes in the common agricultural policy.

The Bill to provide for direct elections was substantially the same Bill as that to which the House gave a second reading last session. (Interruptions.) Judging from the interruptions it was likely to give some difficulties inside the parties.

likely to give some difficulties inside the parties.

The Government's conclusion (he said) is that we are bound by the obligations undertaken when Britain emered the Community and that this obligation has been subsequently reinforced by the undertakings we have given as a Government to other European countries. There we must proceed.

The House gave a second reading to the Bill last session and as regards the method of voting for Government supporters, there would be a free vote on the method of voting and the House would be able to make a choice for a kist of candidates or a single member with a simple majority.

a list of candidates or a single member with a simple majority.

The choice of system would determine the date of the first elections. For the list system, elections could take place in 1978. With the traditional first past the post, the elections could not be held until 1979. (Cries of "Why not?") not?")
That would have to be discussed when the Bill came before the House, but it was basically because of the difficulty of delineating constituencies in accordance with the

stimencies in accordance with the practice and traditions laid down by the House. (Conservative interruptions.) That was the simple fact.

The simple fact was that MPs would not be able to seek election until 1979 unless there was a list system.

The Government (he said) will saccept whatever decision the House arrives at on this matter and, to reassure Mrs Fratcher, let une say that the intention is to bring in the Bill next I hursday.

November 10.

Every year they returned to the Every year they returned to the per cent.

which would command widespread acceptance within the province. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland continued to seek sufficient common ground for that purpose among the Northern Ireland parties and would be prepared to consider a thuited interim step if that seemed likely to be more acceptable. Meanwhile, direct rule must continue for the time being but it must be as fair and sensitive to the feelings of the community as

possible.

There had been disgraceful scenes during the recess in attempts to foment racial discord. There could be few people of whatever party wino did not feel a shaft of anger at the scenes at Lewisham and Larly wood, where ill-disposed people had masused democratic practices to create tension, hatred and violence between white and black.

black.

There might be differences between the parties on how these should be handled, but for the sake of people in the large cities he inged that MPs should not enlarge any differences that existed. The menace of the National Front was to all parties, and the methods of those who opposed them by violence were equally unacceptable.

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opposed them by worence were equally unacceptable.

We must (he said) begin from the principle that all men and women whatever their colour who are citizens of this country should have equal rights under the law.

The measure on transport mentioned in the Speech would remove restrictions which up to now had made it allegal for car owners to make a charge when they gave lifts and would enable community buses to operate in areas where ordinary bus services did not operate.

They needed to reserve a space in the legislation on Rhodesia whose future the House would discuss next week.

They began the parliamentary year at a time when Britain's financial and economic position waslimproving but when the world climate had worsened. In many

countries unemployment had risen until the total of unemployment in the industrialized world stood at 16 million, many of them young

millon, many of them young people.

Britain (he went on), was enjoying the agreeable experience of a massive improvement in her financial position. The volume of her exports had increased 10 per cent this year despite the depressed level of world trade. The most significant feature however had been the continuing reduction month by mouth in the rate of inflation. inflation.

Thanks to the cooperation of the

Thanks to the cooperation of the trade unious and their members during the past two years Britain was experiencing a most dramatic improvement in the rate of price increases. The sacrifices of the past two years had been worthwhile. Every family in the country would feel the benefit in the years and months ahead both through tax reductions and less frequent poice rises.

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There were significant tax reductions. It was quite clear that the burden of total maxilon was no greater today than it was when the Conservative Government left office. (Conservative interruptions.) In 1973-74 the average earnings of a married man with two children under 11 was \$44.80; in 1977-78 it was \$80.

If they considered child benefits. If they considered child benefits, and family allowances, taxation and national insurance paid by the average family man was, in real terms, the same today as it was in 1973-74. The Government intended the destroys the Committee of the contractions of the committee of the commi

continuing agony in Normern Ire. There is nothing mean or petty land and each year there seemed to for a person earning £70 a week—be a growing understanding that which is now below the average—

within this limit. They should be thanked, because it was in their own best interests. own best interests.

Another powerful instrument was the 12-months' interval between settlements which the TUC entered into voluntarily without any pressure, as a means of security pressure, as a means of security. ing an ordersy return to conscious bargaining. There were threat-about this at the present time, but he did not intend to discuss any particular claims.

I want (he said) to leave no one in doubt about what the Government are trying to do and why. We are not fighting against anyone or trying to teach anyone a lesson whether a group of workers or a reade union.

whether a group in white a trade union.

What we are fighting against is rising prices and onemployment.
What we are fighting for is moderate increases in pay in order

They had the support of many trade unions and they and the employers should settle under the guidelines. This might bring diff. culties for some groups and maybe they would have friction and with-drawals of labour.

I regret this prospect (he with on) and the Government will not seek to provoke confrontation. We do not wish to see any group suffer. Nor would it be right for

their best to minimize this.

So long as we have the support of the House of Commons and public opinion the said; we will continue to fight to barrie for lower prices and uncumple men. The support of public opinion is viral to our success and it is upon the sented conviction of the British people we must and do rely. We must win this battle for British and Lisk for the support of orders. and I ask for the support of every man and woman in the land. The slowing down of inflation had not been matched by increase in production of employment. Some of the most important indutries like footwear, textiles, ship building and steel had been passing through a difficult time. Now the

through a difficult time. Now they were in a position to 20 for growth. They had to overcome the inflationary spiral and not have a boom which would collapse.

This speech was so oid it could have been written in the book of Exodus. (Laughter and Conservative cheers.) Their aim must be a high output high wage economy and they must get out of the present situation where productivity and level of wages was lower than their competitors.

than their competitors.

In the nationalized industries the Government had already asked incident to consult the unions with a view to making joint proposals to improve consultation and participation. They would be submitting an interim report on progress by the end of the year.

The Government winted to compute the memployment, particularly among the young, and continued to believe that the best hundarian for providing more jobs was a growing believe that the best houndarism for providing more jobs was a growing and healthy economy. What had been done so far should not be underrated, nor should the stimulus which Mr Healey had applied to the economy.

By next September the new youth unemployment programme would be in full swing pro-tiding 230,000 young people a year with courses and opportunities leading to employment. to employment.

The country (he concluded) is weathering the worst economic recession the world has seen in more than 40 years. We are giving protection to the victims of that recession

recession.

We stand, in this country, at a polar where the real standard of life of our people is beginning to improve and it can continue to do so provided we show restraint in the next 12 months.

Our added citys Our added strength will enable Britain to play a larger part in Europe and the world. We can truly say, as a result of a combination of circumstances, that our deficiency is the our deficiency of the combination of circumstances, that our deficiency is a combination of circumstances, that our be a growing understanding that which is now below the average—
the overwhelming majority of the to earn another £7 a week.

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opposed to the continuation of their trade unloss had shown they and it is for us to make of a what
were already willing to settle we will (Labour checks.)

Television blackout resented by peers House of Lords

Government, Opposition and Liberal peers combined in con-demning the action of the Association of Broadcasting Staffs which prevented the broadcasting and televising of the state opening of Lord Carrington, Leader of the

Lord Carrington, Leader of the Conservative peers, who raised the matter when moving the adjournment of the debate on the Address of the debate on the Address of the dispute with or otherwise of the dispute with the BBC, the ABS action had caused nothing but disappointment and domay.

The emergency strike committee.

I do not think that they have succeeded. (Cheers.)

Lord Byers, Leader of the laberal peers, said he felt a sense of outrage at the churlish action of the ABS. The film of the opening would have completed a wonderful record of film on the Queen's jubiley year.

Lord Beers.)

The Government's intention to provide a measure of devolution for Scotland and Wales commanded his support. What interested hum more were the developments he hoped would stem from the consultation document, Decelution: The English Dimension.

Earlier, the address of thank-had been moved by Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede who paid tribute to the devotion to duty of the Queen shown in her visits to every part of the United Kingdom, including Northern Ireland, and in opening six Parliaments overseas.

The Speech had underlined the dramatic change which had taken place in the country's financial position in the last year.

Lord Party seconding sold there

Lord Parry, seconding, said there were reasons to be confident that beltain could cope with the on- doubted problems of its immediate Tuesday; Continuation of debate

Lord Carrington and it would not be acceptable, satisfactory or pos-sible for the House to be presented with the devolution bills at the tail end of their ession and be expected to get through them at the drop of a bat.

Lord Byers said peers on the Government benches had poken against the Brighton backs both of an enraged proletariat Laying for This is the said: the best non-

socialist Layal Address we have ever had from a lathour Government and it is distinguished by the quality of its omissions. Lord Peart said he was proud to be Leader of the House and confident that peers of all parties and pone would continue in the session to the member of the Opposition work hard, and for many sessions could find any trace of Socialism to come. (Cheers.) in it.

I believe (he sud) not only that it is this House has a job to do but it does it well even when the condi-

roms are unfavourable. He said he took Lord Carringthe devolution Bills well before the not be possible to spread the load do his best to ensure that those major Bills were received in order that they could receive the con-sideration they deserved.

The debate was adjourned. House adjourned, 4.47 pm.

Supporter of Europe elections interrupted

House of Commons

Mr Tom Bradley (Leicester, East, Lab) moved that a Loyal Address be presented to the Queen thanking her for her gracious speech opening the new session of Parliament.

He said MPs would wish to join him in congranulations and gratitude to the Queen for the many visits she had undertaken this year and also to pay their regard to ber in respect of the gracious way in which she had conducted the gradients affairs of her office in the past 25 years. (Cheets.)

More needed to be done to improve Industrial relations and industrial organization automally. He was glad the Government were a consistent consistent constitute constitute constitute constitute constitute of the constitute constitute constitute constitute of the constitute of the constitute of the constitute constitute of the consti Mr Tom Bradley (Leicester, East, Lab) moved that a Loyal Address be presented to the Queen thack-ing her for her gracious speech opening the new session of Parliahe said MPs would wish to join him in congramitations and gratitude to the Queen for the many visits she had undertaken this year and also to pay their regard to her in respect of the gracious way in which she had conducted the gratious affairs of her office in the past 25 years. (Cheets.)

The enter-tency strike committee (he said) were trying to work out manimous on the subject of ways of embarraying the Corporation without alterating the public.

non. He welcomed the Government's

Lord Peart, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, said—I recret the action taken which prevented the broadcasting of our proceedings and the public has been affected very badly.

Earlier, the address of thanks had been moved by Lord Ponsonby of Shulkerde who mail tribute to Statistical the EEC.

the Government would take action to reduce the high rate of unemployment by means of manpower measures and industrial training. The country needed people at work, particularly those with skills to help the nation's productivity. Whatever the cost of remedying high unemployment among the young was as nothing compared with the social risk in not taking the required action. the required action. Some MPs would try to feed and carrion off the difficulty of youth unemployment unless the Government were seen to be doing something about it.

thing about it.

The success and low administrative cost of the job creation scheme had been due in large part to people taking local decisions. That approach should be extended rather than made more rigid.

The Government had a responsibility to help those who wanted to get their foot on the first rung of the ladder of home ownership while at the same time meeting the needs of those who waild never be needs of those who would never be able to earn enough to buy their own home.

Friday: Motion on the Southern Rhodesia Act, 1965 (Continuation) Order.

Tuesday: Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech. Subject: Industry and Commerce.

Wednesday: Conclusion of debate on the Queen's Speech. Subject: Employment.

Thursday: Debate on the economic Stuation.

House of Lords

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Thursday: Conclusion of debate on the Queen's Speech. Subject: Stuation.

House of Lords

Mr Hamilton attacks Prince Philip: 'Just about sick of activities on political plane' Valley, L1 said it was largely a Queen's Speech of consensus and yery much the better for that in There was a welcome absence of

It was plainly the duty of the House in decode a lot of time this session to two major constitutional measures. Liberals were grateful for the opportunity to make representations to the Government about the two devolution Bills and the Bill for direct elections.

The commitment that meaningful consultations would be held without delay with a view in without gray with a view fit encouraging profit-sharing was welcome as was the fact that further new measures were under active consideration to assist small firms. Liberals also welcomed the

announcement about preparations to streamline the Monopolies Commission Office of Fair Trading and Price Commission to sharpen fair competition policy throughout trade and industry. Liberate had been consistently opposed to motopoly for generations. They believed that at present monopoly was loo much assisted by a cumbersome collec-

tion of 3d hoc hodies which argently needed merging into one efficient institution. Mr Dennis Canavan (West Surlingshire. Lab) said Mrs Thatcher, in her continents about public spend-ing and public ownership, had been joined by an ally, one of the hygest recipients of public expend-iture in the country—the Duke of Edinburgh. It was about time the Labour

movement stood up against people who were attacking public owner-ship and public expenditure and who did not know what the impli-

cations were for individual free-doms and liberties of ordinary people. Mr Victor Goodhew (St Albans, C) said Britain should be consistent in condemning denial of human rights people. He hoped Mrs Thatcher and Prince Philip would bear these things in mind before they opened their mouths again.

Mr Gwynfor Evans (Carnarthen, Pl Cymru) said that crisis would not be too strong a word to describe the housing situation in Wales, where 45 per cent of the houses were built before the war compared to one third in England. The Government seemed to have no idea of the magnitude of the housing crisis. It would not see that housing crisis. It would never have arisen if Wales had her own

South, Lab) said he regretted that the Government were per-sisting in their amempt to bring forward the Bill for direct elections. He hoped it could still be

The majority of countries put-ting pressure on and blackmaling Britain were those in which human rights did not enter into the con-sideration of the governments con-

cerned. They were mainly oneparty states.
The worst aspects of the Government's position was that they were being pressorized by their poten-tial enemies auto attacking their

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) said recently they were subjected to a recorded broadcast on Commercial radio by the Duke lt was a broadcast that made hrs Thatther (Barnet, Finchley, C). Leader of the Opposition, sound like a radical Marxist. 18

ably was. It foresaw the day when every need of everybody would be provided by the state. provided by the state.

He should know about this (he said) because every mend of every member of his family had been provided by the state from birth to death. (Shours of "Rubbish".) He talked about erosion of individual freedom of choice in education, health and the rest. There had been no such erosion of his freedom in the last 30 years. By 1975, he was in receipt in his own right of a salary of £65,000 a year which works out, if my writhmetic is right, at £1,250 a week or £150 a day—almost all tax free.

Last year, in the height of in-

Last year, in the height of in-comes restraint, the Government decided that he could not manage on £55,000 a year and it had to be increased to £85,000. (Shoot of "Worth every penny".) When I raised the Chancellor if that con-formed with incomes policy, his answer was a cryptic." Yes."

The whole family has been treated with incomprehensible generosity. Princess Margaret in 1975 impatient with Mr Hamilton's continued attacks on the Royal year tax free. We increased that to \$250,000 a year. nearly \$1,000 a \$100 most of the time in \$1000 most of the year struggling slong on £15,000 a year tax free. We increased that to £50,000 a year, nearly £1,000 a week, spending most of her time in Mustique in the West Indies. Princess Anne received £35,000 a

year in 1975, and this was in-creased to £45,000. Let the Government not be tough with the miners in that con-tent. These figures made the miners' claim small beer.

I warn the Government about this (he continued). I do not usually make threats, but if they dare to touch these amountes this year then they cannot count on my vote in any of the critical votes coming in the next 12 months. We see just about sick of the arrivatives of the Duke of Edinburgh on a political plane, culminating in that broadcast a week or two ago.

If his views were ever put to the test (he said) they would be over-whelmingly repudiated. The way he goes on repeating them is little short of disgraceful. snort of disgraceful.

Mr John Lee (Birmingham, Handsworth, Lab) said he did not share Mr Hamiston's views on the monarchy but he could not think it wise, and it might well not be constitutionally proper for the sovereign's consort to make speeches that were open to the construction that they were directed to the support of one particular political ideology or another.

The debate was adjoinned. House adjourned, 9.50 pm.

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HOME NEWS

Government move to vet students' union financing as NUS seeks state-guaranteed minimum £3 fee

The Government is to review the ways in which students' unions are financed. The Commons Public Accounts Committee is expected to undertake its own investigation into the accountability of students' union finances early in the new

the accountability of students union finances early in the new line accountability of students union finances early in the new line accountability of students union finances early in the new line accountability of students union finances early in the new line accountability of students unions can now be considered to be in the big business league. The fees paid by local antiborules for the GB5,000 followers that Lim, most of which is paid out of central government of the GB5,000 followers than Lim, most of which is paid out of central government funds.

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The information says its sen is that is both publicly account that is both publicly account of that is spent.

The Society of Education Officets is making its own review of students union fees on behalf of the local education authorities in England and Wales. Those authorities are responsible for a mandatory grant fee income. advanced courses who are eligible for a mandatory grant. Ninety per cent of those payments are reclaimable from

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central government Local authorities also usually pay the union fees for students on non-advanced courses to whom it gives a discretionary award. While none of that is directly refundable from central government, three fifths comes indirectly through the late-support grant. Most self-financing students pay union fees from their own pockets.

The National Union of Stu-

is concerned that the inquiries by the Government and the public accounts commintee will lead no moves to reduce students miron autonomy and to reduce the level of feet.

ducing existing levels of union fee income.

guaranteed minimum fee would go some way towards smoothing out the big disparities in the level of annual students mion fees. In the universities such fees include £14 for each fultime student at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, and £55 at Edinurgh. Financing in further educa-Financing in further educa-tion (non-degree courses) is even more chaosic, the union

The union says that all stu-

Growth no answer to joblessness, study says

Educational Supplement Unemployment will not be

obvioced by economic growth during the next five years, according to a Manpower Services Commission report, due next week, that contradicts the Government's implication that industrial recovery will fill lost

The view is expressed in the commission's annual review and pian which surveys manpower prospects for the next five years. In it, as The Times pre-dicted early in the summer, the commissioners urge the Government to adopt a specific policy for employment along-side its economic strategies.

Manufacturing growth the Commissioners say, will not adequately replace losses of jobs resulting from higher productivity and demanning without an annual growth rate of more than 6 per cent, well beyond what is generally considered possible.

They believe, however, that many new jobs could be created by expanding other "wealth-producing activities", such as service industries. Their proposals for reducing the supply of labour include more early retirement and work-sharing. More controversially, they suggest a ban on anyone starting work until the

age of 18, and adopting a "learning period" for all 16 to 18-year-olds.

Aspirant musicians who ask is a biological preparation for their doctors for help in com-bating stage fright before an the cavenan faced with a sabreaudition or an important con-cert have always been told that for a violinist in the Wigmore toothed tiger but far from ideal a sedative may take the edge

Doctors find tranquillizer that does not dull senses

With that paradox in mind, a group of doctors at the Royal Free Hospital, Hamp-Medical science advances, however and tests on volunteer stead, decided to try the effects of treating musicians with exprenolol, one of a group of drugs developed to treat deart disease by blocking the action of hormones such as adrenalin on the nerve violinists reported in The Lancet today have shown that the endless stream of new drugs from pharmaceutical research units has at last produced an answer. Oxprenolol, technically a betablocker, beta-receptor such as adrenalin on the nerve receptors that control the heart rate and blood pressure. blocking agent, seems to be able to calm the nerves without affecting musical skill. When given to anxious patients The racing pulse, pounding heart, dry mouth, tremor and such drugs have no direct effect on the emotions or on the brain, but by slowing the heart ize acute anxiety are all due to over-activity of the sympathetic and stopping tremor they cut through the vicious circle and

intending to make a career as string players. They agreed to appear on two successive days efore an invited audience at the Wigmore Hall. On the first day half the

musicians were given expre-uolol and half were given placebo tablets; on the second day the groups were trans-posed. Their medical states and their musical performances were assessed by experts When taking oxprenolol the musicians had slower heart rates, lower blood pressures and less tremor then when raking the placebo tablets. In addition their musicianship and ance were also better Source: The Lancet, Nov 5, page 952 nave a rapid calming effect.

their overall musical perform-

Safe treatment for stage fright commission The doctors collected 24 volunteers from musical acade-By Lucy Hodges, of The Times Educational Supplement

> A confidential report on the Equal Opportunities Commis-sion suggests that its education section should be discarded and many of its powers transferred to the Department of Education and Science. That brings to a head pro-longed resentment between the

Reduction

in role of

department and the commission. The commission feels that the department has not done enough to combat sex discrimination in schools and colleges, while the department is be-lieved to think that the matter is not as serious as some people make out.

The commission's officers say that the Home Office civil servants who prepared the report which was primarily concerned with rechecking staffing levels, with rechecking staffing levels, were first primed by the Department of Education and Science. They believe the department resents the powers the commission has been given over education.

The Home Office's staffing theck says there is no need for a separate education section in the commission and that the work can be done by its goods, facilities and services section. It is also believed to say that the education section contains roo many staff and that the main thrust of the commission's work should be concentrated or employment.

It is not thought likely that

time, British or foreign, should be entitled to a minimum union fee. It should be paid by the local authority and reviewed Department of Education and Science.

the coming year to the college's governing body, and the governing body sets the level of income and per capita fee payment. The local education authority then in effect automatically years the fee required.

authority then in effect automatically pays the fee required, without further question.

The students union points out in its strategy paper that that system does not fulfil the principle of public accountability contained in the recent Layfield report on local authority financing, which was accepted by the Government.

The payment of student union fees. NUS strategy paper (National Union of Students, 302 Pentonyille Road, London, N1 9LD).

NF members interrupt Heath rally

disrupted a Conservative rally at Lambeth Town Hall, London last night and shouted traitor at the guest speaker, Mr Edward Heath, About fifty made it plain that he would members of the Front demon-strated outside the meeting. As Mr Heath was being introduced a young man shouted:
"This man, you say, has changed the future of our country. This man has betrayed

nervous system. This primitive

our country. This man's policy has betrayed Britain." He was escorted out A young woman who then got up and shouted: "You are a traitor to the country" was also

said: The Frime Minister has made it plain that he would not stay in his present position if the pay guidelines were demonstrably broken. "It may be that the question was not answered in 1974 and

that it is now being posed again. It remains to be seen whether it is going to be answered or not."

days had been lost this year through strikes than were lost in 1973, the last year the Con-

accept the argument that the trade unions cause more trouble when a Conservative government is in power than when Labour is in office", he In a passing reference to the

demonstration outside. Mr Heath said that when large numbers of young people came from school and university and were unable to find jobs they lost faith in the democratic system. Unemployment led to a growth of hooliganism and tutracial feeling. Racial har-mony depaded on restoring economic growth and providing more jobs.

Wrong to prolong a useless life, surgeon maintains

By John Roper

Although teaching and research in medicine are complementary the time has come to consider separate teaching and research funding to inversities according to Protessor Sir Andrew Watt Kay, Regius Professor of Surgery at young doctor's salary, up to about £2,000, might come in overtime payments: as those payments were strictly confined to patient care there was real financial disincentive to leave clinical medicine to gain research training.

A career structure and im-Regius Professor of Surgery at Glasgow University and Chief Scientist of the Scottish Home and Health Department.

Sir Andrew, who was giving the Rock Carling Memorial Lecture introducing this year's monograph on research in medicine, said that between 1973 and 1977 there had been a marked decline in medically qualified staff paid for by research grants at Glasgow. With the introduction of the

fairly rigid training pro-grammes over seven years, completion of which would almost ensure a consultant appointment, even a year or two in research would add substantially to the time a trainee would take to climb the career

Young men saw that the safe course today was to stick to the programme, so taking the shortest and surest route to a consultant post.

Further discouragement for young men with an interest in

research training.

A career structure and improved career prospects for research workers had become an urgent requirement.

an urgent requirement.

In a chapter in his monograph on communication with the public, Sir Andrew expresses his personal belief that it is wrong to resuscitate a terminal patient, to prolong a useless and tragic life by, for example, frustrating the friend of the hopelessly ill and lonely aged, pneumonia, by giving antibiotics.

It is inhuman to give che-motherapy or radiation to the dying cancer patient if all the out of an intolerable existence for a few more agonizing days

The proper care of the dying patient does not end with with-drawal of special forms of treatment, he continued. Skilled nursing, relief of pain and, more important, regular thought-ful visits by all members of the Further discouragement for young men with an interest in medical research sprang from the arrangements for paying junior hospital doctors "overtime" under their new contract. A substantial part of a pltals Trust, £3.50).

pleaded gunlty at a separate hearing to charges of possessing and selling wild birds.

Mr John Robinson, head of the RSPB's investigations branch, told the court that most of the birds in the public house, including goldfinches, linnets, redpoils and a kestrel, were muringed.

were unringed.

Thomas Hasler, aged 29, a warehouseman, of Grays, Essex.

admitted two charges of possessing 19 goldfinches and

one charge of selling three of them. Peter Wright, aged 20, of Brickendon, Hertfordshire,

admitted two charges of possessing 20 wild birds and one charge of selling two red-

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Police found pub bars crowded with caged birds finches but was found guilty and fined £20. Four other men pleaded guilty at a separate By Michael Horsnell

When the police raided a public house in the East End of London on a Sunday lunchtime last month they found two bars prowded with caged wild British birds and about 15 people selling them, it was stated at Old Street Magistrates' Court vesterday. Five men were fined a total of £115 on charges

brought under the Protection of

Birds Act.
Sergeant Dennis Watling said he and other officers went to the Knave of Clubs public house in Bethnal Green with investigators from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and watched the birds sold before making their being sold before making their arests. At that point, he said, hirds were let loose everywhere and chaos reigned in the public polls.

Anthony Newman, aged 27, of Tilbury, Essex, admitted possessing one kestrel, and Thomas Hart, aged 18, also of Tilbury, admitted possessing eight wild birds, and another charge of offering them for sale. Mr Hasler, Mr Wright and Mr Hart were fined \$10 on each offence, and Mr Newman, who said he found the kestrel

Many of the birds captured by the police in their cages were in court yesterday as exhibits. After the hearing Mr fohn Nichols, the magistrate, ordered their forfeiture to the RSPB which later released them.
Anthony Fulmar, aged 36, of Adelaide Road, Hampstead, denied possessing three gold-

Prison drug bail in allegations 'are unfounded'

By Peter Evans Lord Harris of Greenwich. Minister of State at the Home Office, yesterday criticized allegations of improper administration of drugs to prisoners. They were unfounded, he told the annual conference of prison the annual conference of prison

heards of visitors. "It is absolutely aboutd to imagine that prison medical officers are a race apart, operating on different principles from other members of the medical profession", he

Lord Harris said prisons con-tained many hundreds of people who, in the opinion of the medical officers, were reople who, in the opinion of the medical officers, were suffering from mental disorders and in need of treatment in psychiatric hospitals. "These people stretch our already inadequate resources to the limit and place an unenviable burden on all of those who are responsible for their welfare."

minds of magistrates before whom an application for summons had been made by Roger Gleaves, after he had started his application. They were also accused of enticing a boy to make statements prejudicial to the conduct of a case pending at the Central Criminal Court and removing him to an untrained to the more application for summons had been made by Roger Gleaves, after he had started his application for summons had been made by Roger Gleaves, after he had started his application.

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Journalists given contempt case

David Farr, news editor of the Sunday People, and Wilkiam Dorran, his deputy, were re-manded on bail of £1,000 until December 8 at Wells Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, on four summonses in connexion with contempt of

court. Three Sunday People reports ers, David Alford, Graham Ball and Frank Murphy, were also granted bail to appear on the same date.

Both men are accused of pub-lishing an article in the Sunday People that was a contempt of court in that it attempted to influence and prejudice the minds of magistrates before

French Government announces measures to tackle food prices

M Barre, the French Prime Minister, today explained to the Cabinet the latest measures he is proposing to tackle inflation. They fall into three main cate-

1. Sanctions to prevent profit-cering, with penalties for breaking certain price limits. 2. Reduced tariffs on some

3. Screamlining of food distri-bution and wholesaling.

The main food items affected are chickens , which are to be sold at 5 per cent lower than the price on October 15, veal, fish and shellfish, which will be subject to profit margins limits similar to those now in force for beef. Drink prices in bars and restaurants will also be subject to a price ceiling. Fresh pastries will be subject to a price freeze and other items, including croissants, will be relieved of value-added tax. Butter will also go on sale at

lower prices next month.

The reorganization of the big food market at Rungis, outside Paris, and the creation of big supermarkets are to be put in hand, together with the development of a campaign of consumer information.

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The measures will generally take some time to bring into force. M Barre has avoided the short-term electoral advantage of a general price freeze in favour of following his longterm economic strategy to rebuild the economy. The election dates were announced officially today as March 12

Announcing the measures on television this evening M Barre said the fight against inflation was a colective one.

"We have too often had the tendency to think that inflation is someone else's fault, when

really we all have a respon-sibility for it", he said. M Barre said he was pleased

The court of appeal in Paris is to rule on November 16

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Judges consider verdict in

Croissant extradition case

From Our Own Correspondent decide at what point the free-

is to rule on November 16 whether Herr Klaus Croissant, the West German defence law-yer in the Baader-Meinhoff case, should be extradited to face trial in his own country.

After a hearing that went on without interruption for nine hours and finished just after midnight, the court adjourned to consider a verdict which is bound to have widespread repercussions.

This fundamental legal point is clouded by the political overtones. It is this factor that has made the case a unique legal occasion. Not only is the Attorney General appearing in person but Herr Croissant has been defended by an international contingent of lawyers from France, Spain, Belgium, Herr Croissant added to the tension in the crowded court-

In the words of the French
Attorney General, M PaulAndré Sadon, who took the
unusual, step of pleading the
case himself, the court must

"just as my clients were."

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From Our Own Correspondent chocolate. Bad weather has also pushed up the cost of frui also pushed up the cost of fruit and vegetables.

The Government will be lucky, therefore, if the rise in food prices, running now at 14 per cent, can be slowed enough by the end of the year to keep the rise in the cost of living index below last year's figure of 9.9 per cent.

M Barre will nevertheless try to point to hopeful economic indicators as the election looms. There are now signs that wage restraint is beginning to pay dividends and industries' order books are starting to be filled. The "Barre plan" has been in operation now for about 2 year. The Cabinet also agreed a list of social and economic

list of social and economic measures: harmonization of hospital charges; better social security for artists and writers; more support for adding businesses; and an improvement in administrative processes to help the public. Individually, nothing of exareme importance was agreed, but collectively the items add up to an attractive package to include in an election campaign.

The problems of the left, particularly of the Socialist Party two days before its national tonvention, have been continuing. The minority left-wing Ceres group within the party has issued a statement reaffirming the solidarity of the Socialist Party with the undertakings made to support the common programme with the Communists.

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M François Mitterrand, the party's leader, has rounded on

party's leader, has rounded on the group, warming it against making "inadmissible concessions". He must be worried, however, that at least part of the 25 per cent of his party that Ceres represents may defect to the Communists.

He is also facing an artack from the Left Radicals, the third member of the Union of the Left. They are threatening to splic the vote by putting up their own candidates everywhere at the election if the Socialists do not agree to allow their candidates to fight two M Barre said he was pleased their own Candodates every that the cost of services had risen by only 5 per cent in the Socialists do not agree to allow their candidates to fight two their

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a criminal begins.

This fundamental legal point

France and Quebec to hold regular summits

Paris, Nov. 3

France and Quebec are to hold regular meetings at prime minister level " to stimuprime mainster level to stimulate cooperation, President Giscard d'Estaing amounced today. They will be held alternately in Quebec and rance.

Speaking at a luncheon for Mr René Lévesque, Premier of Quebec, the President said his arrival here meant a family reunion. France was the neighbour, ally or friend of many countries, but with Quebec alone was the rapport in the most exact sense of the word

If fellow French were moved each time they met, it was not only because of their common origins but even more because origins but even more because they could calculate just what their "long fidelity" meant and because they knew how much effort, obstinacy and courage on the part of generations of Québecois had been needed to save their own, their French, heritage.

"However long the winter, the spring will one day follow", the President said, quoting from a French Canadian song. Whatever happened in Quebec, he went on, France could be relied on to provide fraternal sympathy. "Today they have become aware of what they are, what they value and what they want. They are a people and they naturally want their quality and prerogatives to be recognized."



President Giscard d'Estaing decorating Mr Lévesque before yesterday's lunch at the Elysée Palace.

was equally divided between its French identity and its American dimension, the President said. Although France was not indifferent to "the political debate" developing in Quebec, it was not its place to interfere. Whatever happened in the way of the world be relied on to provide raternal sympathy. "Today hey have become aware of what they are, what they value and what they want. They are apople and they naturally want their quality and prerogatives to be recognized."

The Québecois personality if was not its place to interfere. In people would make their own minds up. "You have the ability. What you look for from France, as I know from having lived among you, is its understanding, its confidence and its support. You can count on them all along the route that you decide to follow."

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Another provision of the ommission's proposals, Mr

Commission's proposals, Mr Burke said, would allow a "conling-off" period of seven days during which a consumer

purchase agreement at a place other than the place of business of the creditor or supplier can cancel the agreement. This

compares with the five-day period currently in force in

Mr Lévesque arrived at the luncheon, to which every member of the Government had been summoned, to the strains of another French Canadian song, Alouette. Before the meal he second highest of the five ranks, and one which can only be bestowed by the head of state.

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urged to work and save more From William Chislett

Spaniards

Madrid, Nov 3 Señor Suárez, the Spanish Prime Minister, left here this morning for Bonn on the final leg of his tour of the EEC capitals after appealing to Spaniards last night to support his economic pact with the Opposition.

In his first televised speech since the June general election, he urged Spamards to make sacrificies for the economic pact of austerity measures to be successful in righting what he described as a "grave situa-tion". They should work harder and save more.

"Spain can no longer allow the luxury of losing millions of work hours a year and one of the lowest rates of productivity in Europe," he said. Four main steps would be taken: 1. The amount of money in cir-culation would not increase by more than 17 per cent next

year.

2. There would be a wage ceiling of 22 per cent. 3. Price increases would be kept to the same amount.

Tax reforms would fall heaviest on those who earned

If all these points were ful-filled, Spain's huge balance of payments deficit. expected to reach \$5,000m (£2,300m) by the end of the year, would be re-duced and the present inflation rate of 30 per cent would come

The opposition parties have reiterated their support for the pact, with warnings from the Communist and Socialist leaders that they would be very exacting in making sure that the Government fulfilled its side of the bargain.

Señor Suarez said there were no magic formulas. Pacts would be useless in spite of the many votes behind the parties which signed, unless all Spaniards threw their weight behind them. It was essential to restore confidence so that investment

would start again, he said.

Police in the Basque country
were searching today for three
men who last night shot dead a police sergeant outside his home in Irun.

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Strike stops all Italian flights

Rome, Nov 3.—A strike by customs officers and airpoint firemen baited all flights in and out of Italy today. The stop-page was part of a 24-hour walk-out by 300,000 government employees after a breakdown in pay negotiations.-Reuter.

EEC proposal for increased protection of hire-purchase customers

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Nov 3

Proposals are to be submitted by the European Commission before the end of the year which would give citizens of all EEC countries the same rights when signing three-purchase and other credit agreements.

Although broadly in line with britain's Consumer Credit Act of 1974, the Commission's directive would in some respects go further in its protection of the debtor.

Disclosing this in a speech tonight in Tralee, Ireland, Mr Richard Burke, the EEC Com-missioner for consumer affairs, said that the promise of "easy terms" often concealed massive

From Patricia Clough

Bonn, Nov 3 The West German Govern-

somewhat dry, 224-page volume documenting the Schleyer kid-napping and Lufthansa airliner hijacking has become overnight

the most sought-after book in the country.

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political history

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, Nov 3.

soon get better instruction in political history and civics as a

result of recent antisemiric in-cidents, Herr Georg Leber, the Defence Minister, indicated to-

day. Čivic awareness is an indis-

charged and a court is examin-ing the Ministry's request for the dismissal of five more senior ones. Disciplinary action

West German officers will

Bonn stops Schleyer file

ment has found, to its astonishment and discomfort, that its a representative of a Munich

the most sought-after book in the country.

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As Herr Klaus Bölling, the Government spokesman, was telling a press conference that there was "no question" of any large scale publication of the Moreover, it was pointed out, copies printed by the Government were free.

The press office is now planning to print as many copies as are needed. "From next week every chizen who asks for one shall have one free", a spokesman said.

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issue call

for civic unity

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Nov 3

Civic power to counterbalance the superpowers was suggested as a solution to the world's problems at the Ninth World Conference of Twinned Towns meeting at Pointe a-Pitre, Guadeloupe. More than 800 delegates from 50 countries called for a "new world order" in which humanismien considerations would be more important them economic ones.

This will be the theme of a publicity campaign to be

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ning committees throughout the world. The conference agreed on the slogan "Back the United Nations of coun-tries with the united nations of

The conference passed,

becoming a best-seller

interest charges. Borrowers frequently did not fully appreciate the obligations they were accepting when they signed credit agreements.

The Commission's proposal, Mr Burke said, would have two main aims: to ensure that the terms on which crefit was given were fully understood by the debtor, and to ensure that the conditions attached to the credit were fair.

There would be a general provision that, with the excep-tion of bank overdrafts which were already well regulated, all credit agreements should be made in writing.

volume, orders were beginning

to pour in.
The Government press office

a representative of a Munich publishing house turned up with plans to put 50,000 copies of the documentation in paperback

on the market by next Monday

He was told that Government

A further provision would enable a debtor to discharge his obligations under an agreehas obligations barrier an agree-ment before its expiry and to receive a refund of a proportion of the interest and other charges. The cosh price of the goods in question would have to be clearly distinguished from the

Andorra holds its first election in 700 years Andorra traces its independ-

From Our Own Conrespondent The feudel state of Andorra

has, for the first time in almost 700 years of existence, called an election. As befits a feudal state, only 3,206 of the 27,000 infrabitants had the night to you, even though there are 8,000 native Andorrens. The voters are the heads of family who have been asked to decide on a series of reforms intended to adapt the country to the modern world. These are to the modern world. These are to be made the subject of a referendum to be held between now and March 1, in time to be presented to the Co-Princes of Andorra, the Spanish Bisbop of Urgel and President Giscard d'Estaing, at its 700th birthday celebrations on September 8

ence back to the days of Charlemagne Until now government in Andorra has been administered

by a General Council of 24 members elected by the six panishes and headed by a syndic chosen by the council. Law is administered by two "vicars" or judges appointed by each of the Co-Princes, and convicted criminals are sent to French

The franchise has always been very limited although it was extended slightly after a bloodless revolution in 1933. The first poli of the heads of family would seem to indicate that universal suffrage will be appeared.

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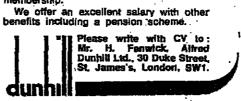
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communes."

inhabitants, poll finds From Our Correspondent

Geneva, Nov 2 Swiss bankers' hearts were no doubt warmed today by the news that people in the nine EEC countries trust the Swiss more than anybody else; just

institutes at the request of the EEC commission, which are published today by the Zurich Weltwoche. After the Swiss come the

many and Britain. They were not held in the same high esteem by Ireland, Belgium, France and Luxembourg. In addition to its other attractions, Switzerland nov claims to house the world's as they seem to have more confidence in the Swiss franc than any other currency.

That is according to the results of a poll, reportedly carried out by National Gallup institutes at the request of the EEC commission, which are published today by the Zurch emulating as they seem to anybody eise; just claims to house me world's largest conglomeration of red wood ants—about 300 million of them. They occupy about 1,200 am hills up to 7ft high over an area of 170 acres in the Marchairuz region up to 300,000 worker ants—all problems of the colonies, each containing up to 300,000 worker ants—all problems of the colonies.

emulating, no doubt, the Swiss example—are linked by more than 60 miles of paths. Americans, Dutch, Belgians and West Germans (equal), Danes, Luxembourgers, British, French, Irish, Italians, Chinese and Russians.

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New strategic arms limit treaty 'will run for eight years'

(MLBM) which is either 326 or

328, according to the way they

No future missiles heavier than the Sovier SS18 will be permitted in future and all

missiles heavier than the SS19 will be considered MLBM.

The Sovier Backfire bomber is not considered to be an SNLV. The Russian say that its present range is 2,200 kilometres and that its extended version will still not be able to

version will still not be able to reach the United States and return without refuelling. They

will promise not to use it as an

kilometres may be tested or deployed from submarines or the ground. They must all be launched from bombers.

Britain).
The Geneva protocol would concern testing future missiles

with both sides wanting to reduce the next stage in the strus race. The statement of principles would concern tar-

gets for a subsequent treaty. Our Geneva Correspondent

writes: The comprehensive test ban negotiations between American, British and Russian delegations are adjourning to

morrow and will resume in December for what may be a successful final session.

the inclusion of peaceful nuclear explosions in a treaty, the way is open for a compromise on its instial duration.

Moscow, with an eye on the Chinese and French tests, is

reported to be still considering

With Soviet acceptance of

are counted.

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Nov 3

The Committee on the Present Danger, which consists of experts in diplomatic and mili-tary maniers who are sceptical of detents, has obtained and issued what is clearly an up to date draft of the strategic arm limitation agreement now being negotiated at Geneva.

President Carter claims that the two sides are near to an agreement. The committee thinks that this is probably true and that it would be a disaster for the United States.

Mr Paul Nieze, himself a for-mer senior official who helped negotiate the first strategic arms limitation agreement, gave details this week. The main points are as follows:

There will be a treaty (Salt 2), a protocol and a statement of principles. The treaty will run for eight years, presumably from the date of expiry of the from the date of expiry of the previous agreement, October 3, 1977. It stipulates that the total number of strategic nuclear launch vehicles (SNLVs) will initially be limited to 2,400 for each side. The United States proposes that they should be reduced to 2,160 by 1980, the Soviet Union to 2,250 by 1982.

As far as this category of weapon is concerned, ICBM mean rockets with a range of over 5,500 kilometres (3,410 miles). The two sides have yet to agree to the lower range limit for SLBMS which would bring them into this category. Of these 1,320 MIRV vehicles

the number of ICBM is to be limited to \$20 and the number of SLBM will be between the 380 proposed by the United States and the 430 proposed by the Soviet Union. The rest would be bombers corning would be bombers carrying
Cruise missiles. Of the 820
ICBM, the Russians will be
allowedro keep their present
number of large missiles

Montreal, Nov 3.—A bank robber armed with a high-powered rifle surrendered here

were freed just lettere ne with into the flats, price said.

The drama began when police responding to a filent alarm at the Banque Canadienne Nationale found the man holding 11 people a rifle-point in the vaults.—Reuer.

Bank robber frees hostages and gives in

last night after holding police at bay for half a day by threatening to kill hostages Heavily armed policemen finally trapped the gumman in an block of flats after a chasethrough Montreal's northern

He had left the bank with some of his original 11 hostages and an undisclosed amount of money. Police used a belicopter to track his movements as a commandeered several he commandeered several vehicles including a taxi.

this. But a senior American negotiator said that from his standpoint "it's not a function of time, it's a function of what happens". Carter embarrassment at conflicting statements

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Nov 3
The White House has been endeavouring to explain away an apparent contradiction in statements made by President Carter and Mr Griffin Bell, the

Attorney-General.

Last September, the President told a press conference that he had not discussed the Helms case with the Attorney-General. Mr Bell informed the press on Tuesday that, in fact, he had discussed it with the President in Joly.

Mr Richard Helms is the former Director of the Central

His last hostages, two women. Intelligence Agency who had were freed just before he wat misled various congressional

about the Helms case was a very difficult one for the Attorney-General, and has been much discussed by the public for the past few years.

The discrepancy between the President's and Mr Bell's statements, is year an haraceing for

President's and Mr Bett's statements is very embarrassing for a man who promised so often that he would never lie to the American people, nor give a misleading statement to the press. The White House explanation is that the President brout desence of his action

Dr Elisberg's remarks are made for a BBC Radio 3 programme called "The Story of the Pentagon Papers" to be put out on Sunday. He explains his own background dealing with American policy in Vietnam, and he asks whether officials had the right "to keep assumed that everyone knew about his meeting with Mr Bell in July, and wher Mr Carter said then: "He has not consuited with me", he meant that Mr Bell had not consulted him

claims to publish all the news that is fit to print, observes this morning that it did not record the July meeting.

Here's tork limes, which illegalities, about the deception of the American public."

By 1971, he says, he had come to realize that he had

Mr Mintoff causes walkout in **Peking**

Peking Nov 3.—Mr Dom Mintoff, the Maltese Prime Minister, caused a sensation in Peking tonight when he attacked the Soviet Union at a bariquet and provoked a walk-out by Mr Viessili Tolsrikov, the Soviet Ambassador, and Eastern block representatives. It was the first time observers could recall that an official guest of China had ornicial guest of China had brought about such a walkout. This kind of profest is provoked normally by the Chinese. Mr Minroff said: "In the history of the Mediterranean, which is slowly but steadily emerging, it will be recorded that, although the Soviet Union has much to sain militarily be intercontinental bomber.

No Cruise missiles with a range beyond 2,500 kilometres will be permitted, and none with a range greater than 500 kilometres. that, although the Soviet Union has much to gain militarily by Malta's single-handed efforts to drive our Nam from her soil, the Soviet Union remained aloof and denied Malta even the most rudimentary exchange of trade and information." The Russians want to forbid the transfer of any strategic arms equipment or technology to third countries (such as

of trade and information.

At these words, Mr Tolstikov stood up and walked out, followed by the envoys of Rast Germany, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Mongolia and Cuba.

golia and Cuba.

Mr Mintoff went on to say that: "in sharp constrast" to the Soviet artinude toward Malta "the generous deeds of the brave people of China," stood out. He mentioned China's achievements in Malta, including one of the biggest ship repairing docks in southern Europe and "several factories giving employment to thousands giving employment to thousands of Maltese workers."

Mr Mintoff denounced what he called "underhand opera-

tions aimed at toppling his government before 1979, when the British military base on the island has to close down. Mr Mintoff made a plea for new and free Mediterranean and peace in the region, based on cooperation between Europe and the Arab countries and a military withdrawal by the two superpowers.—Agence France-Presse.



General Chand and Lord Carver leaving Mr Smith's office yesterday.

Lord Carver in talks on transition

Salisbury, Nov 3.—Talks be-tween British and United Nations envoys and Rhodesian Government officials today broadened to include consti-tutional issues involved in Anglo - American settlement Field Marshal Lord Carver, ne British Commissioner-

questions right to conceal lies

about non-military matters and related to transitional arrangements", a source close to the It apperais rails said. "They included ing pla giving answers to some of the questions (on the Anglo-American proposals) raised by the Rhodesians some time ago."

Before today's talks began,

He describes how he used to remove documents from his office at the Rand Corporation in the evening, photo-copy them and return them in the morning. Altogether there were 7,000 pages, which he copied with the help of Mr Anthony Russo, and occasionally his son and chapters.

His original plan was to have the Pennagon Papers revealed in congressional hearings, and he was in touch with Senator Fullright about that. But time

designate, and General Prem Chand, the United Nations special representative, who yesterday had lengthy talks on ceasefire problems with military leaders, met civilian officials for three-and-a-half hours at the office of Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister.

"Conversation was mainly about non-military matters and "Food Carver was asked by journalists if progress was being made. "Oh yes", he replied. "Oh yes ", he replied, not know if he would meet him before leaving, probably on Saturday. Asked how today's talks went, he replied: "I'm not commenting at all."

The source said later he had not know if he would meet him before leaving, probably on Saturday. Asked how today's talks went, he replied: "I'm not commenting at all."

Lord Carver said later he had not yet met Mr Smith and did not know if he would meet him before leaving, probably on Saturday. Asked how today's talks went, he replied: "I'm not commenting at all."

The source said a "good mood" prevailed at the talks. It appeared that they were taking place in a cordial atmosphere as the British have planned a reception tomorrow night for all Rhodesian officials involved in various meetings.—Reuter.

Minister challenged over ban Man who leaked Pentagon Papers

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, Nov 3

By Peter Strafford

The controversy that broke out in the United States in 1971 with the publication of the Pentagon Papers is being brought to life again by the BBC; and Dr Daniel Bilsberg, who gave the documents to The New York Times, has made a stout defence of his action

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The controversy that broke that he had the right to conceal long extracts in The New York Times caused a national sensation.

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The Government was accused today of trying to conduct a trial from election platforms of the banned black newspaper. The World, and its editor. Mr Percy Qoboza, who is detained without trial.

Mr C. I. C. Hewitt, managing director of the Argus Company, which owns The World, challeoged the Government to test whether its reasons for the banning and detention would banning and detention would stand up in court.

Times caused a national sensation.

In Britain, of course, the whole episode could never have come about, a point made by the programme. However compelling the reasons for publication might seem to some latterday Dr Ellsberg, the Official Secrets Act would prevent it.

Even in the United States, Dr Ellsberg says, he thought that what he was doing was illegal. He thought he would be sent to prison for it but decided to do all he could to have the documents published.

An ironic point brought out stand up in court.

He was reacting to an election speech last night by Dr
Piet Koornhof, Minister of Sport and National Education, who said the Government had had no option but to take the action it did after it had re-Fullbright about that. But time draged on, and he went to The Mew York Times.

The Pentagon Papers were an official study of the causes of American involvement in Vietnam and they showed the steps by which successive administrations had become described and the steps of the cause of the causes of American involvement in the Western on the distribution of the Causes of American involvement in Secretary of Defence, saked him in 1967 to prepare the papers.

An ironic point brought out by the programme is that the peatedly warned Mr Qoboza than the Western peatedly warned Mr Qoboza than the Western peatedly warned warned Mr Qoboza to concide. The arms embargo will now be permanent (the West would have preferred an initial sixmonth ban followed by a feel of existing weapons licences

Tories 'would give no respite to S Africa'

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg, Nov 3
Mr John Davies, the Opposition spokesman on foreign
affairs, has told the South African Government that it would be wrong to think that if a Conservative government were elected in Britain there would be a change in approach to the "intrinsic problems" of South Africa.

Mr Davies, who had an hourlong meeting yesterday with Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, informed journalists in Johannesburg today that he had told him no British government would let South Africa "off the hook of apartheid".

So long as the policy of separate development in its pre-

separate bevelopment in its pre-sent form was pursued, there would never be a "fair hear-ing" for South Africa in the West, Mr Davies said.

He was speaking at the end of a long-planned visit hurriedly brought forward after the South

prought forward after the South African Government's banning two weeks ago of 18 Black Con-sciousness organizations, the closure of two newspapers, and the detention without trial of more than 40 black activisits. Mr Davies said he had pointed out to Mr Vorster and pointed out to Mr Vorster and other Government Ministers that the way the South African Government bandled its many internal problems appeared to suggest that it deliberately did not want Western support.

He said: "The first reaction was the immediate delivery of a diarribe about double stap.

a diatribe about double stan-dards. But later there was greater understanding. I think the point has got somewhat home how best to treat prob-lems here and if I were lucky, it might produce some results" it might produce some results."

Mr Davies described his talks with Mr Vorster as "lively and sometimes quite boisterous". His encounter with Mr R. F.

Botha, the Foreign Minister, had been "more emotional".

He said he had come to South Africa to get information and to give it and also to come to

his own conclusions about why Mr Vorster had called an early general election for November He had concluded that apart

from the fact that Mr Vorster bad chosen to go to "the active electorate at present" while the opposition was in disarray, the underlying purpose was to have a strong mandate for a rela-tively wide liberalizing policy. Mr Davies said he had made clear that the way South Africa currently handles its internal problems made it not want Western support. cuts the ground from under our feet. It must give more attention to seeking to handle affairs either to encourage agreement or silence at best",

Of the widespread bannings and detentions last month, Mr Davies said he was not aware of the circumstances that had led to the Government's action but his own personal view was that he would have "leant over backwards to avoid the measures" the South African Government had taken. Mr Davies is the latest of several Conservative MPs 10 have visited South Africa. He said his trip was arranged partly through the South African Foundation, an influential propaganda organization, but was not in any way an expense to the British taxpayer. His main task was to report back to Mrs Thatcher and the Shadow

He has met one black leader in South Africa, an education official in Sowero. He flies to Rhodesia mmorrow for talks with white pelitical and business spokesmen.

UN will ban S Africa arms today

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Nov 3

The United Nations Security Council is expected to introduce a mandatory embargo on arms sales to South Africa by the weekend.

The final decision, which is

expected to be taken unanimously by the 15 members of the council, follows an agreement in principle at a private machine processor. meeting yesterday on the draft text of a resolution calling for such a ban. The text, with the exception of a few minor details, has been approved by the 49-nation African block at the United Nations.

The new text goes a considerable way to meeting African demands for more stringent

their mouths silent about the lies that had been told that they knew of, about the crimes that had been committed, about the recently. The New York Times, which

Court to hear Kennedy assassination allegation

New York, Nov 3 A former Watgate burglar is awaiting trial he on charges that he threaterd to kill a former woman st to stop her allegations that he assassinatioof President

Mr Frank Sturg who served a short prison seence for his part in the Watente break-in, was arrested in w York on was arrested in w York on Monday at the one of the former spy, Miss rita Lorenz, who claims to haveen a lover of Dr Fidel Cast the Cuban leader. Mr Sturgiras released from jail yesterd on bail

The authoritic here are apparently taking iously Miss Lorenz's story thar Sturgis threatened her 1 Mr Alan Broomer, an assint district threatened ner 1 Mr Alau Eroomer, an assint district attorney, says Mrurgis told Miss Lorenz that '2 company (CIA) would take e of her "if she failed to ange her story.

Company to the New York oversion of lawyers of law

Miss Lorenz, who is soon to ubish a book based on her life, is reported to have told investigators for the committee on assassinations of the House of Representatives that together with Mr Sturgis and Mr Lee
Harvey Oswald, the reputed
killer of President Kennedy,
she drove to Dallas from Miami
a few days before the assassination. Mr Sturgis, she main-tains, introduced her to Oswald. and they studied maps of Dallas at a meeting beld in Miami's "Havana town". She says, however, that she left Dallas before the shooting.

Members of the House committee have refused to confirm the weapon to protect her or deny whether any evidence has been given them by Miss Lorenz.

Not surprisingly, Mr Sturgis disagrees with Miss Lorenz's

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sure it is not poisoned, she said.

Miss Lorenz, who was photographed aiming a pistol at en imaginary target, told the newspaper she did not like being threatened. "I can be dangerous", she said. "My daughter can be dangerous. I'm very proud of my daughter for protecting me."

The daughter Miss Monica

The daughter, Miss Monica Mercedes Perez Jimenez, aged 15, whose father is reputed to be the former Venezuelan dictator, Marcos Pérez Jiménez, was arrested and then released to the custody of her mother for carrying a loaded pistol. She claimed she had obtained

Not surprisingly, Mr Sturgis disagrees with Miss Lorenz's version of what happened. His lawyers claim that Miss Lorenz invited him to come to New York from Miami, where he now lives, and even paid the

At yesterday's bail hearing one of his lawyers processed that someone was trying to create a case of "international Lorenz from the days when he was running the Cuban Air Force for Dr Fidel Castro. Mr Sturgis has also denied that he ever mer Oswald and that he was in Dallas on the day that President Kennedy

day that President Kennedy was shot. He maintains he was at home in bed in Miami at home in bed in Miami

He concedes, however, that

Miss Lorenz worked for him

from 1959, providing information about her lover, Dr Castro.

She gave him military and
political information about the

Cuban leader, hesays.

A long-time adventurer, Mr

Sturgis maintains that he broke

Vatican presents formal plea

for jailed prelate Jerusalem, Nov 3.—President Kazzir received a formal request from the Vatican today to release the Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci who is serving a 12-year jail sentence for smuggling weapons to Arab guerrillas in Israel.

Government sources said that Mgr William Carrey, the papal representative in the Holy Land, gave President Katzir a note from the Pope, seeking the Archbishop's release on humanitarian grounds.

It is thought that he will be deported to Rome by the end of this week, although he ex-pressed the wish that he be allowed to enter the Trappist monastery in Latroun, outside Jerusalem, in a letter to an Arabic-language newspaper yes-

Israel considers the Pope's note as a de facto recognition of Jerusalem's status as the Israeli capital, the sources said.

Guy Lombardo is critically ill

Houston, Texas, Nov 3.—Guy Lombardo, the band leader, was in critical condition in hospital here today with complications which developed after he underwent open heart surgery in September. He is 75.-Reuter.

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Unita claims Russians Egypt cuts and Czechs among its suppliers of arms

minority government" was

of Units's 10,000 armed soldiers (with a further 8,000 trained but without arms) that 5,000 more Cubans had been sent in

as reinforcements, and why President Neto, during his recent visit to Moscow, had refused to release 3,000 Cubans

to serve with Ethiopia against

three fronts at the end of Sep-tember, but, according to his figures, they had been outfought by Unita and had lost many men and a great deal of

The Cubans themselves were

divided into three factions: those who were trying to desert;

country's 16 provinces. In these "liberated zones". Unita had

established 860 primary schools with 3,647 teachers, and a further 15 secondary schools with 120 teachers.

and intrigues started by the Kremlin, Havana and Luanda will be doomed to failure

will be doomed to failure because they do not correspond to the legitimate hopes of the majority of the Angolan people", he said.

spokesman for the

Ethiopian Ministry of Informa-tion said the Somali leader was

war of aggression was not going

He repeated earlier assertions that Ethiopia was perfectly capable of defending its territorial integrity without outside

help and said a Somali defeat

abolish capital punishment in honour of the sixtieth anniver-sary of the Bolshevik Revolu-

tion. The death penalty, described by the state as a

"temporary measure for the defence of society", contradicted the ideals of the revolution, a spokesman said.

Paraguay: In an appeal to President Stroessner, the British

section of Amnesty Inter-national, asked him to mark his sixty-fifth birthday by releasing all prisoners of conscience. His country had a façade of legal

and democratic procedures which tended to mask serious

violarions of human rights, it

Argentina: Repressive measures against dissident writers are

worst in Argentina, where 119

writers are in prison or have been "kidnapped", the inter-national writers' association PEN said in New York A year-long investigation showed that 471 writers were in prisons in 55 countries.

Chile: Britain has no intention

of sending an ambassador back to Chile while the present regime lasts, according to a delegation from the Chile Solidarity Committee, which met Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, in London yesterday.

Ababa, Ethiopia today denied allega-tions by President Siad Barre

Ogađen region.

well for Somalia.

Dutch denounce Soviet

suppression of rights

It was because of the success

From Ian Murray Paris, Nov 3

Unita, the anti-government guerrilla force in Angola, is selling diamonds and gold to raise money to buy Soviet weapons, Mr Georges San-gumba, the group's foreign affairs secretary, said here

"We are sitting on a pile of riches", he said. "The coun-try from north to south is loaded with diamonds, gold and precious minerals. We are in usiness, very big business."

The "big business" he said was financing the movement's arms supply, which came from many places including Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union.
"Everyone, including the Russians, like dollars", he said.
That was how Soviet weepons were being used to fight com-munist troops in the country.

Mr Sangumba's visit to Paris war by Unita (the National Union for the Total Indepen-dence of Angola) to counter claims made by the Angolan Covernment that aid is being given to the guerrillas by South Africa and Israel.

His mission is to deny this and to try to prove that Unita derives its arms supply either from its own resources or from aid offered very discreetly by other African countries, includ-ing some which officially recog-nize the government led by President Nem

President Neto. He would not say which countries were helping. "When you start to write your memoirs", he said, "then you as much as say you have lost the battle."

Nevertheless, he claimed that there was growing awareness within Africa that Angola was "a dangerous bastion of the Soviet Union, a bastion of sub-version." That was why the South African Government was willing Unita to win-although there had been no material aid from there since the Angolan war ended in 1975.

He categorically denied that Unita received any aid from Israel, but said that on the contrary it supported the "just fight" of the Palestinians and Israel and the Arab world could produce a solution to the problems of the Middle East.

Mr Sangumba explained that his demals were necessary in the face of the "panic" statethe face of the "panic" statements being made by President Ethiopia had experienced some
Neto because of the military
reverses his "illegal and France Presse and Reuter.

In one of the toughest denun-

ciations of the violation of

human rights in the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia pro-

nounced at the Belgrade conference reviewing the Helsinki agreement. Mr Joop van der Valk, head of the Durch dele-

gation, listed the misuse of psychiatry against political dissidents and suppression of

religious freedom. He spoke of psychiatry clinics

being used for treatment of people whose views were dif-ferent from the official one.

government line of thinking, Mr van der Valk said, seemed

to be a criterion for the appli-cation of the Helsinki accords

in some countries which had signed them.

He accused the Soviet Union

of using a firm, restrictive hand against religious groups, dis-

against rengious groups, dis-criminating against children in schools, hampering parents in their careers and arresting people just for their personal

Both the Dutch and the Belgians spoke of the Charter 77

movement in Czechoslovakia where thousands of citizens, it

was said, were prevented from exercising their professions be-

cause their opinions differed from the official one.

The obligation to follow the

From Dessa Trevisan

payments to Russia by £60m

Cairo, Nov 3

Egyptian debt repayment to he Soviet Union will be reduced next year from £70m to £10m, the semi-official news-Al-Ahram reported paper Al-Ahram reported today.

This appears to be the result

of President Sadat's decision, announced last week, to suspend unilaterally Egypt's payments to the Soviet Union on Cubans and government forces, he said, had launched an offensive against Unita on military debts as from next

The payments have tradi-tionally been made in kind, in the form of unrequited trade", an excess of Egyptian exports to the Soviet Union over Soviet exports to Egypt. Some 35 per cent of Egypt's total exports to the Soviet Union took the form of cotton, valued at £68m this year.

In August President Sadat announced that Egypt would be a sourced that Egypt the source that the source that

those who were trying to desert; those who were trying to get back to Havana; and the third group who really were trying to support President Neto.

Despite the presence of the Cubans, Mr Sangumba claimed that Unita controlled 10 of the not export any more cotton to Russia in the new season, which began two weeks ago.

The cotton in question is high-quality long staple cotton, for which Egypt should have no difficulty in finding a hard-currency market. It appears therefore that the decision to default on her military debt default on her military debt wil enable Egypt to avoid re-placing the cotton with other exports or with hard-currency

"As long as there is in Angola the presence of an expeditionary force of 24,000 Cuban and 3,000 Soviet troops, the war of liberation will continue, and all the manoeuvres and intrigues started by the payments.

Mr Mikhail Sytenko, a Soviet deputy foreign minister, is expected in Cairo tomorrow for talks with Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister. These are expected to deal both with bilateral issues and with the Middle Fast generally.

Middle East generally.

But Egypt appears to be serving notice that no dramatic improvement in relations beof Somalia that between 10,000 and 15,000 Cuban soldiers were fighting alongside Ethiopian troops in the conflict in the improvement in relations be-tween the two countries is to be expected. Although a return visit from Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in response to Mr Fahmi's visit to Moscow last June is still offi-cially on the agenda. Mr Fahmi's remarks at that time about a possible meeting he. General Barre made the allegations at a press conference in Mogadishu this week. abour a possible meeting be-President p.been followed up. been followed up. Sadat himself Sandi deploying "imaginary troops" on Ethiopia's side because the

President Sadat himself returns tonight from Saudi Arabia, after two days of talks with Saudi leaders, said to deal with "the coordination of with "the coordination of Arab strategy in the political and military fields to confront the obstacles which Israel places in the way of peace."

Egyptian optimism about the prospects for the Geneva conference appears to be waning fast, and this is reflected in the relatively hard-line statements made by Mr Fahmi in an interview

Mane by wiew
Mr Fahmi is quoted as saying that if Israel persists in rejecting any participation by the Palestine Liberation Organization, "the conference this Organization, "the conference will not be held, neither this year or any other year".

The editor of the Lahore edition of Musaput, an Urdulanguage newspaper owned by Mr Bhutto, the former Prime

Minister, was arrested last night and remanded in custody

night and remanded in custody until next week.

It was the second time that Mr Syed Badruddin had been arrested by the martial law authorities. On the last occasion, in July, he was released after a week. He was picked up yesterday outside his office in Lahore and taken to a police tation. He was produced to

in Lancre and taken to a police station. He was produced to-day before a martial law court which remanded him.

Musanat is one of two Urdu-

Musandt is one of two Urdu-language newspapers owned by Mr Bhutto and his family. The editor of the Karachi edition, Mr Ibrahim Jalees, died of a brain haemorrhage last week shortly after the Army authori-

with its sister publications, Hilal-e-Pakistan and Nusrat, Musawat has faced difficulties

Editor of Bhutto group

paper held in custody

Trend blamed for US withdrawal from International Labour Organization

Growing concern over politicization of UN agencies

The decision of the United

States to withdraw from the International Labour Organiza-tion (ILO)—a move which Mr Callaghan tried to avert-prompts the question: has the politicization of the United main agencies got

This politicization is far. from new, but it was one of the main reasons for the American decision. The gen-eral view of Britons involved in the agencies is that the ILO was a special case, that it is often far from easy to draw a line between invelopment" political issues and the specialist work of the agency con-ist work of the agency con-cerned; and that in the past two years an attempt had been made to reduce the damage caused by the irruption of the Arab-Karaeli dispute in these

workers' group, confessed him-self saddened and despondent politics now, but it is still over the American withdrawal, there below the surface. The But he had considerable surfaces ILO reflects the world as it is, pathy for the decision, believ-ing this politicipation had got tog that politicization had got

The last straw for the United States, he believes, was the International Labour Conference last June. A coali-tion of the Soviet block, Arab countries and various dictator-ships blocked the nomination of an American as a vice-presiand rejected an American-sponsored resolution to sift out motions attacking member states without due investigation. Finally, it shelved consideration of reports on the

condition of Arab workers in the West Bank, and on the

failure of the Soviet Union, caused by the irruption of the Arab-Israeli dispute in these agencies since 1974.

The ILO is different because the representation of member states includes employers and workers, thus emphasizing the ideological divide between Western democracies with "genuine" trade unious and employers, and the rest.

Mr Cyril Plant, former general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, who has been on the governing body of the ILO since 1969 and is chairman of the ical issues to disappear.

questions", he said. He did not questions", he said he did not believe any organization would be reformed by withdrawal. Perhaps the most politicized United Nations agency has been Unesco. "It's unpleasant. It's inevitable, and you have to keep it believed. How.

nted Mr Richard Hoggart, Warden of Goldsmith's College and an assistant direc-tor-general at Unesco's Paris headquarters from 1970 to

In a book he has just delivered to his publishers (to be called An ideal and its servants), he pinpoints four main stages: the East-West polariza-Argentian, Chile, Uganda and tion prompted by Soviet entry; other countries to implement the Korean war, when the ILO conventions.

United States tried to use the United Nations for its own ends; the arrival of the Africans and the developing world cans and the developing world as a force; and the departure of South Africa; and, finally, the anti-Israel campaign of the Arabs, with Unesco as the first

main target.
The Arabs skilfully chose as the main issues Israel's excava-tions in Jerusalem, which they claimed were destroying arti-cles of great importance to istians, and Arab education in occupied territories.

"Perhaps there is less overt Both were perfectly politics now, but it is still Unesco concerns, there below the surface. The After two bitter year After two bitter years, the dispute was to some extent parched up in 1976, when Israel was admitted to the European regional group. The West enjoyed another small victory last November, when it secured the shelving of a Soviet-inspired declaration on

state control of the media. "The pressure is still there, but it has abated", Mr Hoggart believes. The tightrope must still be welked between Un-esco's ideals and the pressures of the political world.

The World Health Organiza-tion (WHO), based in Geneva like the ILO, was for some time racked by the question of the membership of East Germany, which eventually joined in 1973. The Arab campaign against Israel there reached a bizatre climax last year, when a WHO report saying that health conditions in the West Bank and Gaza had generally improved under Israel's occupation, was voted to be "inad-

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), based in Rome, has been spared such excesses, apart from the relatively routine question of observer tine question of observer status for the Palestine Liberation Organization. The Soviet Union does not belong, but

Naturally, developing coun-

tries lose no opportunity to push for a new international economic order there as else-where. But with down-to-earth agriculturalists in the ascendant, the atmosphere is in the main friendly, and no unduly vexatious issues face the twoyearly conference which begins on Saturday, officials say. Mr Ben Whitaker, Director of the Minority Rights Group, believes that politicization is

far from being totally rampant. The last meeting of the United Nations Human Rights subcommission, on which he represents Britain was one of the best, he said, with people look. ing at the situation in Uganda, Indonesia and Uruguay, for example, on the basis of the facts and not of political hias. He believes that American He believes that American big-stick diplomacy, with its periodic withholding of annual contributions, is counter-productive and plays into Soviet hands. "America pulling out is a tragedy. It damages the ILO, the West and the United Nations and is one less articulate voice countering the polemicizing of Arabs or Russians", he said. The Americans have he believes, contributed have, he believes, contributed to the politicization of the United Nations, rather than helped to reduce it.

Athens floods: Twenty-six people, many of them children, were drowned in Athens and Piraeus on Wednesday night during a thunderstorm which caused severe flooding. In one case a woman and her three children were trapped in a car and drowned. There are fears that the death toll may rise.

in printing on account of the seizure of the Peoples Foundation Trust which was previously managed by the Bhutto family. The Government takeover, on the allegation of financial irregularities, is being disputed in the Karachi High Court by Mrs Nusrat Bhutto, wife of the former Prime Minister and chairman of the trust.

Irust.
Islamabad, Nov 3.—Mr Safar

Lodhi, editor of the Rawalpindi newspaper Hayat, has also been arrested and detained, reliable sources said. With Mr Bad-

ruddin he is accused of printing

objectionable stories.

Also in custody are Mr Nazir
Naji, of the Urdu-language
newspaper Hiyat, and Mr Altaf
Oureshi, editor of the monthly
Urdu Diegest magazine.

. Police sources said Mr Lodhi was arrested over a report of

a clash between police and students who boycotted classes

afte: the death of one of their colleagues in a road accident.— Reuter.

Extensive damage was caused to buildings, roads and power stations. Cars, buses and lorries were hurled against walls or into ditches and large areas were left without electricity or telephones. Traffic was completely disrupted and in one suburb of Piraeus

200 cars were trapped by landslides. The disaster area was visited yesterday by President Tsatsos while a ministerial meeting chaired by Mr Karamanlis, the Prime Minister, declared a state of emergency. Army engineers joined the police and the fire brigade in

In brief

Chicken used as football'

Denver, Colorado, Nov 3.-A high school football coach in Iowa has been accused by the Denver-based American Humane Association of making his young players kick a chicken to death to put them in a fighting mood

for a game.

The association, which has asked the state attorney-general to investigate the incident, said the chicken had been painted gold to simulate a golden earle, the symbol of the opposing team. Some weeks ago, a school factball reach in Elevidones football coach in Florida was ordered to stop biting the heads off frogs during pre-game talks.

Peking meeting

Hongkong Nov 3.—Mr Han Nien-lung, China's deputy Foreign Minister, today met a delegation of British business leaders in Peking, th New China News Agency said. The head of the delegation is Lord Roll of Ipsden, with Mr William Rees-Mogg, editor of The Times, as deputy leader teputy leader.

Bombs hit railways

Buenos Aires, Nov 3.—Three bombs wrecked rul tracks and part of a suburbal station here, but a week-long strike by trans-port workers appeared to be subsiding after the military on pay negotiation.

Mrs Gandhi hert

Delhi, Nov 3.—Nrs Gandhi, the former Prite Minister, was slightly hu below her right ear when emonstrators hurled stones Karnataka state, southern Itia, Samachar news agency repited.

Tourist dies | plane Tel Aviv. Nov —An American tourist, Mr alter Carrow Holder, aged 60 died after a heart attack on a El Al aircraft as it made an ergency landing at Belgrade port because of a faulty compision system, the airline said le.

Freed rebel will UN appeals to all nations to curb hijacking for socialism

Colombo, Nov 3.—Mr Robana Wijeweera, 34-year-old revolutionary, was released yesterday after seven years in prison for leading an armed insurgency to overthrow the previous government, and pledged to continue the struggle to create a truly socialist system in Sri New York, Nov 3.—The and separate action " to ensure United Nations General that passengers, crew and air-Assembly today condemned the hijacking of aircraft and called of extorting advantage. on all states to improve airline and airport security. Endorsing without a vote a

resolution adopted on Tuesday by its special political commit-tee, the Assembly appealed to all countries to adhere to three conventions drafted under the conventions drafted under the auspices of the International Givil Aviation Organization (ICAO), but so far ratified by only about half the 149 members of the United Nations. by the Government along with 135 comrades of his People's Liberation Front, which laun-ched an armed attack on April

5, 1971, to overthrow the former government of Mrs Ban-He had been sentenced to 20 years' rigorous imprison-ment.—Agence France-Presse. of extorting advantage.

It also called on the Mon-

treal-based ICAO, a United Nations agency, to undertake security of air travel. Govern-ments were asked to carry out "serious studies of the abnor-mal situation related to hijack-

The item was added to the Assembly's agenda after the International Pederation of Air only about half the 149 members of the United Nations.

The resolution called on all states to increase the exchange of information designed to foil hijackers and to take "joint its pilot—Reuter.

the airline said Joe Louis opation Houston, Nov Joe Louis, aged 63, the mer heavy-weight boxing capion, had a heart operation re and was later reported trable condition.

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Third World report

truly socialist system in Sri Lanka.

Mr Wijeweera was pardoned

Zambia upgrades its squatter settlement routes for new is, the plac-ing of water opipes or the demolition of is. "In this way, the inhalls are aware they are taking ir own deci-

From Our Special Correspondent Lusaka Those of George

fight on

Bricks,
They call 'em soil cement.
Nice ones So thick and heavy

So strong Och for building a house Och for building a house.

The upgrading of squarter settlements may not seem an obvious subject for a pop song, yet the song above is one of several on the theme of township improvement which can often be heard pulsating from among the dusty streets of Lusaka's sprawling shanty towns.

George is one of four large squatter townships which have spring up round Lusaka since independence—a nondescript sprawl of huts and shacks interspersed with banana plants and badly-rutted dirt roads. About 56,000 people live in George. Altogether, nearly half the city's population of 500,000 live in shanty towns.

The development of urban slums is a problem facing all developing countries. There is hardly a city in Africa which is not surrounded by an un-sightly maze of hastily-erected

shacks thrown up by people who have left the land and trekked to the towns in search of work. Often the inhabitants have lived there for years.

Jey in 150

upgrading and improving its squatter settlements. The cost is put at about £25m over a five-year period (half of it proper roads, running water, coming from the World Bank), which is a relatively small amount for the number of people who will benefit.

Zambia has community centres. Zambia has experienced the

problem of urban drift more than other black African countries. More than one third of the country's five million inhabitants live in urban areas, compared with only 12 per cent in Kenya. In Lusaka alone, the population rose by 326 per cent between inde-pendence in 1964 and 1974 people not their master. Mr when the upgrading project Richard Martin, the units

when the upgrading project began!

By that year 37,000 families in the capital were living in shanty towns. Although it is Government policy to provide housing for everyone, the state could not possibly afford to do so. So an alternative had to be found.

The Government's attention was drawn to the work of an alternative to the grass-roots organizations of the country's single political party to participate in basic decisions affecting the town-

ciently large scale to resolve developing the existing com-the problem. Others, like South munities. This association sub-Africa, have brought in bull-sequently provided the basis for dozers and simply swept the a new housing unit attached to squatter camps out of sight. Lusaka city council which was Many have been forced charged with the upgrading of through lack of resources to squatter settlements.

through lack of resources to squatter settlements.

Zambia, however, has adopted a more enlightened policy, particularly in Lusaka. Having realized that there were insufficient funds to provide everyone with even the most basic form of low-cost accommodation and access to housing, the city council has embarked on a big project for upgrading and improving its Squatter settlements. The cost the true settlements. The cost the project The first is to squatter settlements. The cost the project to the project is to squatter settlements. The cost the project is to squatter settlements. The cost the project is to squatter settlements. The cost the project is to squatter settlements.

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the emphasis on self-help and participatory democracy. "What we are trying to de is

ships' development.
Thus, elected party leaders at section and branch level decide, in consultation with technical staff from the house

accord. inhabitante Certainle seem to a One of them. Mr Isaac was in the process of two houses for hims his sister in the Georferspill? area. In only at he had completed of and reached the roof foe other—all done by with the help of a friest he had paid off his labed to build additional

Dr Goldmann to retire as president of the World Jewish Congress

From William Frankel New York, Nov 3

Dr Nahum Goldmann, who has announced his retirement from the presidency of the World Jewish Congress, is the last of the great leaders pro-duced by East European Jewry. Born 83 years ago in the

warmth and Jewish intensity of

the Russian pale of settlement,

Dr Goldmann received his

Jewish education there and in 1930 emigrated to Germany for university studies. He has doctorates in law and philosophy. A Zionist from childhood he was already a member of the Zionist Actions Committee at the age of 28. Thereafter his rise was swift, culminating in the presidency

of the World Zionist Organisa-

In 1933 he left Germany for the United States, where he played a leading role in all Zienist developments and in the programme for the establishment of a Jewish state, though he has never lived in Israel.

In 1936, in response to the threat posed by Hitler, he founded the World Jewish Congress (WJC) and first gave evidence of his subtle diplomacy in overcoming the reluctance of national Jewish leadership to subordinate their independence. Today the WJC represents in the world and its most recent affiliate has been the Board of Deputies of British Jews.



Dr Goldmann: Preeminent among Jewish leaders today.

While resident in America, Dr Goldmann took a leading part in the internal organiza-tion of the Jewish community and was the founder and first president of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, still today the most important voice of

American Jewry. But perhaps his greatest achievement was his vision and diplomatic ability in proposing almost every Jewish community and negotiating the agreements under which the Federal German republic paid thousands of millions of marks to Israel

and Nazi survivors. Dr Goldmann will remain president of the Jewish Claims Conference against Germany, the representative international Jewish body for this purpose, and of its offshoot, the Jewish Memorial Foundation.

Despite his retirement from the leadership of the WJC, there is little doubt that Dr Goldmann's personality is still remarkable. Physical and international vigour and his world-wide friendships will ensure the continuance of his personal diplomacy for the Jewish

This will not altogether be to the liking of Israeli govern-ments which have never relished the ideas of this independent one man Jewish Poreign Office. But Dr Goldman has publicly aired ideas, generally doveish, and has privately fet Arab and Soviet leaders despite the open hostility of Israeli leaders. Such hostility has never deterred him and indeed he sees himself as a sort of extra-territorial opposition to some Israeli attitudes.

by Goldman is not only the grand old man of world Jewry, he is also its philosopher and prophet. A cultivated, urbane internationalist, he now is based in Paris though he travels widely. He enjoys music and the arts but perhaps most of all he enjoys acting as a gadify. So long as his health allows he will remain the preeminent Jewish remain the preeminent Jewish leader in the world today.

Libya tries to help release Sahara hostages From Our Own Correspondent

Major Abdul Salam Jalloud, the Libyan Prime Minister, flew to Paris today for urgent talks with President Giscard d'Estaing on the fate of the French hostages held by the Polisario Front in the Western Sahara. Major Jalloud is Colonel Gaddafi's right-hand man and has been asked to make a close study of the affair.

Yesterday he was in Algiers where he had two meetings with President Boumediene. He has already discussed the matter with M Guy Georgy, the direc-tor of the Quai d'Orsay's African Department, who flew to Tripoli on Tuesday to seek the help of the Libyan Government.

Colonel Gaddafi offered to mediate for the release of the hostages, just as he did successfully for the French archaeo-logist, Mme Françoise Claustre, who was held hostage for 33 months by the Tubu rebels in Chad. Since then he has sent Major Jalloud on a fact-finding mission to see how best to tackle the problem.

Corruption denied

Hongkong Nov 3.-Thirtyfour senior policemen, whose arrest on corruption charges led to police protests here, today pleaded not guilty to the accusations. Their trial was set for April 17.

Different countries have found, tried different ways of dealing. The Government's attention with this problem, on the was drawn to the work of an whole with hitle success. Some organization called Social have tried costly mass rebous. Action in Lusaka, a voluntarying projects; but even oil-rich association which had been states such as Nigeria cannot working in squatter areas and afford to do this on a suffi- had drawn up a a plan for

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buying a generator."

Derby have made an arrangement

ee o'clock. A lot of our supporters come

Iceland score surprise win

Iceland pulled off a major sur-prise at Bridgend yesterday, beat-ing Wales to reach the finals of the UEFA international youth tournament. Their victory by a single goal gave the Icelanders a

2—I winning aggregate.

Wales dominated for most of
the game, but were gullty of poor
finishing. Once Iceland had taken

the lead, just before balf-time they packed their defence and stood firm in the face of continuous

attacks by the home side.

The Welsh failed to work as a unit and the Swansea teenager,

Jeremy Charles, was particularly disappoluting. Iceland scored the winning

goal against the run of play. Ingolfsson broke away to score a splendid individual goal which left Thomas, in the Welsh goal.

nerpiess.

In the second half Wales could not pull back the deficit and so falled in their effort to reach the finals for the sixth time in eight

(IBK), K. Algebrson (Volsunger), P. Lafson, Thrutter, I. Ingolfson (FT Jarnan), A. Gudinhosen (Vikingur), H. Helgason (Volsunger), UEFA VOUTH CUP: Qualifying round (second leg): Wales O, Iceland 1 (aggregate 1—2).

Friday lost on

on Wednesday

Today's fixtures

FOURTH DIVISION: Southend v Barnsley (7.30) SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Meadowbank & Berwick (7.30)

Saturday, found

Iceland 1

over Wales

Wales 0

otball

littering array of opponents join iverpool in winter hibernation

Norman Fox Irbail Correspondent ive former European Cup dists stand between Liverpool I their hopes of retaining the phy at Wembley in May. For ton Villa and Ipswich Town, itali s only survivors in the sta Cup, the way ahead is erdly decorated with rivals of od pedigree. Compensation at its level for England's failure armationally will be hard won. Today, Villa and Ipswich will low their next opponents after e draw for the Ueia Cup, which its one more round before winter ses the European season until ch, when all three compens reopen. Liverpool have I some problems in their ent performances do not relop.

I mounts in which to ensure a some problems in their ent performances do not elop. Then they go into the melting t with the five former finalists sortissia München Gladbach, som they beat last season, Ajax, a winners in three successive ars from 1971, Benfica, who won a grophy in 1961 and 1962 and the finalists on three other tasions including 1968 when they set to Manchester United, eventus, almost Italy's national sam, and Atletico Madrid. The unsiders, if that be the word, etc. Bruges, who lost to Liverpool is last year's Uefa Cup final, and SW Innsbruck, who this week beat Celtic 3—0. At the start of this season's European campaign, the impression was that, without a team of sutstanding capability dominating all others, Liverpool could again rise to the top on the sweat of interference of the season's European campability dominating all others, Liverpool could again rise to the top on the sweat of interference and transplanted to become England did their morale no service in the light of events at Wembley against Switzerland and in Luxembourg. But they are still difficult to beat, as the East German coach of Dynamo Dresden said after his team had done just that, by 2—1 on Wednesday. Liverpool were in no danger, having started with a 5—1 lead, although two quick goals by Dynamo after half-time disrupted them for a while. Bob Paisley, their manager, thought it disrupted them for a while. Bob Paisley, their manager, thought it was unlikely they would meet any more difficult opposition this season, but Borussia, Juventus season, but Borussia, Juventus and Ajax all seem more determined this time.

mined this time.

Borussia are undoubtedly playin: more effectively than when they met Liverpool in Rome last spring and their Danish forward, Simonsen, is scoring well. He contributed two goals to Borussia's 5-1 (5-1 aggregate) defeat of Red Star Belgrade after scoring three in a League game at the weekend. The next highest scorers of the second round were corers of the second round were Juventus, but not surprisingly because they were playing the modest Northern Ireland modest Northern Ireland champions, Glentoran, in Turin-Virdis, a costly summer acquisi-Virdis, a costly summer acquistion, scored two of the five to give Juventus a 6—0 win on aggregate. Ajax, still far from the team of the early 70's, were uneasy victors over Levski Spartak Sofia. But they do seem to be improving, even if the comparatively ordinary standard of Dutch club football and that of the cosmopolitan international regm are in sharp contrast. cam are in sharp contrast. team are in sharp contrast.

The best performance by a British club this week was, in my view, Manchester United's in defeat by Porto in the Cup Winners' Cup. United had begun with a 4—0 millstone from the



Paul Mariner (left), whose two goals helped him to recover his scoring appetite, and Andy Gray, scorer of Aston Villa's vital goal in Poland.

first leg in Portugal, where Porto's forwards were a delight to watch. At Old Trafford in the rain, those some forwards were rarely seen as United concentrated on the weaknesses in the Porto defence. weaknesses in the Porto defence. As they built up a 4—1 lead in just over an hour, there was the promise of history in the making. Only one team, curiously Leixoes, also from Oporto, had recovered from such a first leg hiding. And that was 15 years ago when they lost 6—2 to Chaux de Fonds, but won 5—2 at home. United's five should have been enough for anyone and certainly the crowd had a night of vivid encitement, but two fine breakaway goals sent Porto through (6—5 on aggregate).

So United's uncomfortable

So United's uncomfortable European season, in which their worst supporters almost cost them their place, ended all too soon after they were reprieved by the authorities. Ipswich closely challenged United for the most deserved praise with a 3—3 uraw in Las Palmas and they had the satisfaction of winning 4—3 on aggregate.

Some of the Ipswich players Some of the Ipswich players had confessed that recent games had left them without confidence but here, in the Uefa Cup, they led three times in a bolsterous match on an uneven pitch. Cans and fruit were thrown at the Ipswich team. There were 60 free kicks and four players had their names taken, but Mariner was unaffected and scored twice to help him recover his appetite for goals.

him recover his appetite for goals.

Aston Villa overcame English teams' difficulties against those from Poland by drawing 1—1 with Goroik Zabrze in Silesia for a 3—1 aggregate victory. The Poles gave England a purposeful push out of the last World Cup and, this season, Widzew Lodz beat Manchester City in the previous round of the Uefa Cup. But it was a Scotsman, Gray, who scored for Villa and another, Cropley, who provided the pass.

Imported players seem invaluable to most of Europe's leading teams. Another example is Rep, a Dutch international who plays for Bastia, the Corsican team who beat Newcastle United 3—1

Roundup of European results

EUROPEAN CUP: Serond round:
second log: Dresden 2. Liverpool 1
(Liverpool) win 6—3 on aggregate;
luventus 5. Glentoran 0 (Juventus win
6—0: Innabruck 5. Caule 0 (Innabruck
win 4—2: Copenhagen 0, Benfica 1
(Benfica win 2—0: Benfisa 1) (Benfica logadach 5. Red Star Beigrade 1 (Ben
lusta win 8—1: Panathhaulem 1.
Bruges 0 (Bruges win 2—1: Alax 2.
Levist Spartak 1 (Alax win 3—2).
Attenco viadrid 2. Nantes 1 (Aliodico
win 3—2).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP:
Second round: second leg: Manchester
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Cralova 2. Dinamo Moscow 0 (2—C.
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Austria FC 1 (Austria PC)
PAOK 2. Welle 1 (Velle win 1—2):
PAOK 2. Welle 1 (Velle win 1—2):
Anderlecht 1. Hamburg 1 (Anderlecht
win 3—2): Beils Seville 2. Lokomotiv
Leipzig 1 (Soville win 3—2).

Eintracht Frankfurt 4, FC Zurich 3

Eintracht win 7—3:; Lens i Francut:
6. Lizio O (after extra time: Lens win 6—2:; Barcolona 1, AZ 67 (Netharlands) 1 (2—2, Barcolona win on prasities): Alletico Bilbao 3, Ujpesi Dosza O (Allético win 3—2).

When attack was the best form of defence

Liverpool's experience in the European Cup at Dresden on Wednesday must cast doubt on the theory that, in football, defence is the best form of defence. Certainly, the four-goal advantage they had achieved in the home leg a formight earlier looked anything but secure soon they interest by interest. after the interval. By then, Dynamo, frustrated by luck as much as judgment in the first half, had whipped in two goals in five They had so outplayed Liver-pool's 4-4-2 pattern (in which Toshack, the hero at Anfield, was

paging live wire up front.

Dyramo then stood in fear of a telling counterpart, for a goal to Liverpool would have added significantly to their task. So it happened. Within a few minutes, and after two more spine-chilling escapes, Liverpool scored a goal through Heighway which, significantly, involved both of the other front runners, Fairclough and Dalglish. From requiring two goels to win the tie, by virtue of their away goal at Anfield, Dynamo suddenly needed three to draw level.

pool's 4-4-2 pattern (in which Toshack, the bero at Anfield, was surplus to requirements) that two more goals were well within their compass, At that point Bob Paisley. Liverpool's manager, replaced Liverpool's manager, replaced McDermott, a negative midfield The newly arrived Fairclough,

beat. A chip was the obvious ploy but Fairclough, still cold after what must have been an unexpec-redly early call to the colours, tried a ground shot which Boden

Liverpool, the holders, will have been happy to get through this round because, as Mr Paisley had told us and as Dynamo showed had told us and as Dynamo showed us all through the chill of Wednesday (though only fiffully at Anfield), Dresden have a team of talented players. If, on Wednesday, Liverpool won to new admirers (in a moment of aberration, I used the word "friends" yesterday), at least they won the tie. And that, after all, is what counts.

Neal's scouts at work even in Australia

John Kosmina, an Australian player with West Adelaide said vesterday that he and the club goalkeeper, Martyn Crook, had been approached by Middlesbrough. They were contacted by Middlesbrough's manager, John Neal, after being recommended by the captain, Graeme Souness, he said.

England, and would approach West Adelaide officials for permission to make a temporary move there. But Kosmina, a 22-year-old Australian international striker said that he had also received an offer Milan would have to give the matter serious consideration before deciding which one to idm. He said.

Souness played five games as a guest with West Adelaide in Australia's national league last season. Crook, aged 20, said that he was keen to try his luck in

Castleford pin their

faith on Reilly

Castleford, the John Player Trophy holders, will be hard pressed to overcome Widnes in the second round of this season's tournament at Naughton Park tomorrow. Castleford have made a poor start to the season in the first division and the joint favourites for this year's event are 1975 champions. Bradford Northern, Wigan, who have never won the competition, and the 1976 champions, Widnes.

Rugby League

But Kosmina, a 22-year-old Australian international striker said that he had also received an offer from another English first division club and would have to give the matter serious consideration before deciding which one to john. He might come to England after Australia complete their World Cup commitments on November 25. Kosmina said that if Australia qualified for the Cup finals in

Milan yesterday pleaded for foreigners to be allowed to play in Italy. Mazzola, who retired last year, said: "A certain number of foreign players would be useful to Italian soccer."

Ice skating

Versatile Swiss entrant

Bradford Northern also have home advantage, but face daughty cup lighters Workington Town, who go linto battle with the boost of their fine Lancashire Cup final victory over Wigan last weekend.

Wigan, if they have recovered from the shock of that defeat, have the easiest task of the three favourites, with a home tie against New Hunslet and should not be troubled against a team that struggles away from home.

An interesting match brings together the Second Division thamptonship contenders, Huddersfield, and Oldham, with the Lancashire side out to avenge two defeats in the 1975-76 season when the clubs last met in the First Division. By Dennis Bird

All Blacks make twelve changes

castletord showed signs of a return to form with a Floodlit Trophy victory at Hull but lost a "dress rehearsal" league fixture at Wildnes last weekend. Nevertheless they feel that, led by their player coach Malcolm Reilly, they can turn the tables.

Agen, Nov 3.—The All Blacks side, named today to play a French selection here on Saturday, shows 12 changes to the team that won 12-6 at Perpiguan on Tuesday. Their team manager, Ron Don, refused to comment on speculation that Saturday's team will form the basis of the international side to meet France at Toulouse on November 11.

TAM: B. Wilson: S. Wilson, B. Robertson, B. Gaborne, B. Wilson, B. Robertson, B. Gaborne, B. Wilson, B. Robertson, B. Caborne, B. Wilson, B. Hadden, F. Oliver, B. Johnstone, A. Dallon, G. Kalghi.

Gosforth missing three Gosforth, the John Player Cup holders, are without their internationals for their match against Rosslyn Park at Rochampton tomorrow. Malcolm Young and Peter Dixon, of England, and Duncan Madsen, of Scotland, are

Coventry City have followed the example of Nottingham Forest

young supporters to stop obscene

al on county duty. Coventry chants has high ambition

Skaters from Australia, Japan. South Korea, Canada, the United States and the Soviet Union are among the 22 taking part in the women's figure skading competition for the Richmond Trophy, to be held at Richmond tee rink on Sunday and Monday. But the most interesting name on the list belongs to a 15-year-old Swiss. belongs to a 15-year-old Swiss.

Denise Biellmann, of Zürich, already has two seasons of world-class competition behind her. She has not previously competed in this country, and British followers of the sport are eager to see this youthful phenomenon who, on her day, can do a triple lutz jump and a unique combination consisting of double axel half-bog-triple solchow jumps. Sixth in the final results of the 1977 European championship, she leapt to second place in the free-skainn, division, and although she did not achieve the same form in the subsequent world championships she will be a formidable contender this season.

If Miss Biellmann fails in her

If Miss Biellmann fails in her ambition to become the first Swiss winner of the Richmond Trophy, the United States could again the United States could again take the bonours as in 1972 and 1976. The holder, Barbara Smith, is not defending, but two of her compatriots seek to follow in her tracings. Priscilla Hill, of New England, the United States Eastern States champion, has already won international events in Europe

(Oberstdorf 1974, Prague 1975) she is a consistent skater with several of the essential triple jumps in her repertoire. Her colleague, Jeanne Chapman of Los Angeles, is competing abroad for the first time. From further north come two talented Canadians-the Olympic skater Kim Alletson (Ottawa), who won last year's Skate Canada event and Peggy McLean from Alberta.

Alberta.

A skater who is rapidly making a name for herself is the 16-year-old Japanese Relko Kobayashi, from Hiroshima. She was eleventh in the Richmond Trophy two years ago, but her victory at 5t Gervais last August, in a strong international field, suggests a much higher place this time. Hyo Jean Yun (South Korea) is likely to do well in the compulsory figures—she was third in that part of the contest in 1975 — but her free skating has hitherto been less notable.

Britain's hopes rest on the

Britain's hopes rest on the national champion Karena Richardson (Stammore), who was fifth last time she competed, and on Phylida Beck of Pudsey. Russia, so dominant in other branches of figure skating, have never yet been successful in a big intermational women's competition. Natalie Strelkova and Marina Ignatova hope to rectify that, but it will probably be another year of two before their turn comes.

From Rex Bellamy

to be worked out

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Palm Springs, Nov 3
The second day of round-robin singles matches in the inaugural Colgate series championships ended with Martina Navvatilova and Betty Stove out of the running. The chances of Christine Evert and Wendy Turnbull depended largely on the results of matches they could only watch. Diame Fromholtz, Billy Jean King, Kerry Reid and Virginia Wade were better placed in that all had played and won once.

In financial terms this tournament is the higgest thing that has happened in women's tennis. Putting aside the fact that the event is being contested outdoors at night in a rugged terrain of desert and mountain, the strangest feature of the first two days was the brevity of all six matches, which were decided in straight temporarily inconclusive, also means that the tournament has Coventry City have acted quickly to ensure a normal 3 pm kick-off at Highfield Road whatever the outcome of the power workers' dispute.

While other clubs were anxiously seeking "no cuts" assurances from their local electricity authorities or attempting to hire generators, Coventry spent £12,000 on buying an emergency power source. "We were quoted £1.000 to hire a generator, but as there is no way of telling how many times we might need to do this we decided it was better to invest in one of our own", explained the Coventry secretary, Eddie Plumley. "We estimate that an earlier kick-off could take 3.000 off our gate so it is financially worthwhile buying a generator." temporarily inconclusive, also means that the tournament has means that the tournament has something in common with solving a Chinese box puzzle or stripping an artichoke. Deeming it necessary to sharpen their sense of perspestive and learn from moses, a group of journalists yesterday boarded a cable car and swung up a canyon through five life zones to an altitude of 8,500 feet, Just cleaning the windows of the mind.

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Five players also need remedial aid for infirmities of the spirit, the body or both. But one of these, Miss Evert, who has been concerned about her legs and a wisdom tooth, managed to strike her best form in beating miss Navratilova, 6—4, 6—1. In the second game Miss Evert survived six break points and won a game of eight deuces. With that, it seemed that aff the components of her game suddenly dropped into place like the previously scattered pieces of a jigsaw.

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"A lot of our supporters come from outlying areas so that an earlier kick off would cause complications for them", said the Derby secretary, Smart Webb.

Newcastle hired a generator for £1,000 for Wednesday night's UEFA Cup game and did not need to use it. They have decided not to outlay the same amount again and have brought Saturday's game with Bristol City forward to 2.30 p.m.

Ipswich are one of the few clubs who have their own generator, but at the moment they cannot guarantee a three o'clock start against Manchester City.

"The generator hasn't been used side the last power trouble a few years ago, so we will not know whether it is ok until an electrician has been down to inspect it", said a club official.

Leeds have already switched their game with Norwich to 2 pm, but most of the other first division clubs were playing a waiting game. place like the previously scattered pieces of a jigsaw.

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143,000 first prize.

Mrs King, who has had three knee operations and flirted with retirement, beat Miss Turnbuil, 6—3, 6—2 and then told us: "I'm used to playing with palm, it's something you have to live with. But it's now for Chris. She's going through a bit of battle fatigues." Mrs King has undertaken a "igorous course of weight training and has also changed her service action and become more aggressive on the forehand. "You can always get better, even with age. I had the emotional strain of woodering if I would ever be well again. I'm fortunate to be out there. I'm playing on borrowed time. So I'm going to give it all I have, every day."

She bas a psychological anvan-She bas a psychological advan-tage over Miss Turnbull. "She's a hiving legend", the Australian soid. "I've still got to get used to playing her and to realize that have to remember that I'm playing the ball that's coming over the net—and not Billy Jean King."

vious evening, it would be easier to predict the winner of the £43,000 first prize.

the pressure.

"Of course this competition is very important", she said. "The pressure is significant, as it is in a Wimbledon or Forest Hills match, but I think I have proved I can handle that type of pressure. As for Chris, I've played well against her all year. We've both won big matches from each other, and this, the Wightman Cup, will be no different. I no longer am intimidated by anyone and, with the fast carpet which we'll be playing on, I feel my chances are quite good."

Mrs King recently won an event

Miss Wade has a score to settle in the Coliseum second successive league title. Playing in her 13th Wightman Cup compedition, which breaks the British record of 12 held by Ann Haydon Jones. Miss Wade feels confident about her opponent and the pressure.

Oakland, Nov 3. - The 47th Wightman Cup match between the United States and Britain will be played next week in the Oakland Coliseum. The Americans, who Coliseum. The Americans, who lead the long and historic series will be represented by Christine Evert, Billie Jean King, Rosemary Casals, Jo Anne Russell and Kristien Shaw. They will be opposed by Virginia Wade, the Wimbledon champion, Susan Barker, Lesley Charles, Susan Mapin and Michelle Tyler.

The ton two seeds on each The top two seeds on each side will play each other and the respective. No 3s meet once in singles. Two doubles complete the seven-march series which starts on Tuesday. Miss Wade is Britain's top player and, in many eyes, the equal of Miss Evert. She was on the winning British team in both 1974 and 1975 and won a match last year when the United States regained the Cup 5—2 with Miss Evert and Terry Holladay leading the team.

Miss Wade, who will captain the British side, has met Miss Evert. singles. Two doubles complete the

British side, has met Miss Evert, the world's No 1, five times this year and lost three. She was defeated in the women's tour championship in New York, the world series of termis and in the

world series of tennis and in the semi-finals round in Atlanta. She won in the semi-final rounds of the women's tour tournament in San Francisco and at Wimbledon. Britain, they will be tough, but I've played on eight winning Evert 6—0 in the WTI champion-ships in their singles set, to lead the New York Apples to their this the minth."—UPI.

Motor racing

Robin Friday, signed by Cardiff City from Reading 10 months ago for £30,000, has been fined £100 and placed on the transfer list by the manager, Jimmy Andrews. Since joining Cardiff, Friday has played only 18 League games and at the start of the season did not report for training because of stomach trouble. Since reporting for training, Friday has played in four Combination League games and was booked three times and has accumulated 20 penalty points. He played his first senior game against Brighton last Saturday and was sent off after 53 minutes. He disappeared from the Brighton ground and did not turn up at Ninian Park until Wednesday. In addition, he has persistently refused to live at Cardiff. Jones starts career with Williams in Argentine

By John Blunsden Alan Jones, the winner of this Alai Jones, the winner of this year's Austrian Grand Prix and a member of the Shadow formula one team since last April, has signed to drive for Frank Williams's racing team in 1978. His first race will be the Argentine Grand Prix in January. Grand Prix in January.

Jones will drive a brand new Williams, which has been designed by Patrick Head and will be unveiled early in December, when the identity of Williams's latest sponsors will also be revealed. This year Williams became the first Grand Prix entrant to secure support from Saudi Arabian backers.

Jones, the son of th eformer Australian Grand Prix winner Stan Jones, came to Europe several

Williams has been an integral part of the Grand Prix scene since 1969, when he ran a Brabham for Piers Courage and set him on a career which seemed to have a brilliant future until it was cut short by a tragic accident in the Netherlands in 1970.

A seriesof March cars followed, then Williams built his own chassis for the 1973 season. He joined forces with Walter Wolf in 1976, and for the past season he has been running his own reconstituted team using the Belgian driver Patrick Neve in a modified March. Williams has yet to win a Grand Prix, but he came close in 1975 when Jacque Laffite finished second at the Nürhurgring in a Williams-Foxd.

Having signed Alan Jones, who was 31-years-old on Wednesday and whose quiet disposition is reminiscent of that of fellow Australian, Jack Brabham, this hard trying private entrant could in 1978 have his best chance so Stan Jones, came to Europe several years ago and has been competing in formula one for two and a half seasons. He made his first appearance at the wheel of a privately owned Hesketh in 1975, and later that year drove briefly for the late Graham Hill. In 1976 he switched to the Surtees team and he joined States Grand Prix West, at Long Beach, in the aftermath of Tom Williams-Ford.

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Gymnastics 1

Dispute keeps Romanians away from Brighton event

cluding the Olympic champions, Nad'a Commeci and Teodora Ungureanu, will be missing from an international line-up when Coca-Coln sponsor a new com-petition to be staged at Brighton on December 6-7.

Coca-Cola, sponsoring gymnastics for the first time, will introduce a new tournament to Britain which will become an annual event in the international calendar, but always presented in this country. Seven nations will take part, with the first of the two days devoted to team competition, and an individual champtonship being field on the second, but with the competitors' first-day score being carried over into the second period.

Apart from Britain and Russia, other countries taking part are the United States, Canada, Hungary, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. Japan would have entered but for their own national championsides taking place at the same time. on December 6-7.

Tony Murdock, Development Officer of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association, explained today: "Because the Russians will be competing, the Romanians will not be coming, as much as we would have liked to see them here. Because of disputes within the sport, they haven't competed against each other this year, and in fact, did not send any gymnasts to this year's World Cup."

Squash rackets SYDNEY: Australian open tournament: G. Rimi beut K. Hiscob. 9—2.

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3. Azis 'Egyz', 3—1, 9—6, 9—7.

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Africa: beat K. Shawcross, 9—1; 9—5.

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B. Brownice (New Zealand), 9—6.

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Badminton Hockey

Chinese puzzle has yet | QC questions claim made by authorities

By John Hennessy

The cricket authorities' claim, that they have sought legal advice throughout the length of their deliberations and had therefore acted within the lawk, was questioned by Mr Andrew Morritt, OC, yesterday, He was making the closing address for the plaintiffs, Mr Kerry Packer and three of his cricketers, in the High Court action against the International Cricketers, in the High Court action against the International Cricket Conference (ICC) and the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

Mr Morritt said that the authorities had been concerned all along with the question of restraint of trade. They were less concerned about not inducing a breach of contract than about being found out. Mr Morritt referred to the expression "draw back from the brink", which has appeared many times in evidence.

When he said that this was clearly inducing players to withdraw from their Packer contracts, the judge asked if it did not, in fact, mean encouraging the players to draw back and giving them an opportunity to consider that if they exercised their desire to stay with Mr Packer, "certain things could happen". Mr Morritt thought that if you imposed a sauction, it was the equivalent of an inducement, that the overall effect was identical to a "sweetener".

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When Mr Morrist argued that the ban was designed solely as an inducement to those under contract to break them, the judge asked: "Is it not unrealistic to construct the phrase jdraw back from the brink] in that way?" Had it not been clearly in the minds of the authorities that there were other players thinking of aigning for Mr Packer whose position had to be considered?

Mr Morritt read extracts from transcribed shorthand notes from a meeting of the TCCB on July 1S, which, he said, had come to light only last Friday. They included:

Mr C. S. Rhoades (Lancashire): Propose a total ban. Middlesex

Propose a total ban. Middlesex importance to the non-negosupport.

Mr D. J. Insole (chairman): ICC, for what they regarded as
entirely good reasons, had not
who stend before ICC meeting been prepared to give him any
with Packer on June 23 when he guarantee of television rights.

made his views known, could reasonably be extricated, but after the ICC meeting not so easy.

Mr Insole: In the shoot term, feeling is that we should extract our players as quickly as possible. War simuation. Got to try and see it does not get off the ground.

Mr O. S. Wheately (Glanorgan): Our duty to drive in this wedge of uncertainty shito the players' association go together (sic) deal of trouble no explain to the players.

of trouble to explain to the players.

Mr A. S. Brown (Gloucestershire): Gloucestershire's point is to protect the playing of the game. Would rather like to see the players kill Packer off.

Mr Insole: Vote, the players contracted to Packer should be banned from first-class cricket, unless they rescind their contracts with him by the end of the 1978 season [this was latter changed to October 1].

The judge suggested that it was "anybody's guess" whether or not World Series Cricket (Mr Packer's group) would affect gates at the Tests between England and Australia during the winter of 1978-79. "But, having sald that, is it unreasonable for the authorities to assume there will be some drawn in extendences?" Mr Insting

ties to assume there will be some drop in attendances? "Mr Justice Slade asked.

Mr Morritt said that would be problematical. But it was "fanciful" to suggest that conventional cricket would "come fumbling down" because of any reduction in gate receipts at the Australian Tests. Counsel submitted that the only possible effect of Mr Packer's cricket, would be on Australian gate receipts. The financial structure of English cricket would be ties to assume there will be some

gate receipts. The inhancial struc-ture of English cricket would be "wholly unaffected".

When Mr Morrett sought to in-vestigate the cause of the break-down of a meeting between the ICC and Mr Packer at Lord's on June 23, he judge intervened to

captain Jeff Crowe, the former Victoria player, Les Stillman and a

INDIANS. From: B. Bedi (cap-

tain), S. Gavaskar, D. Vengsarkar, G. Viswanath, A. Asholmankad, Surinder and Mohinder Amarnath,

S. Kirmani, E. Prasanna, B. Chan-drasekhar, K. Ghavri, B. Patel.

Woodcock (captain), R. Blewett, G. Attenborough, J. Crowe, B. Curtin, R. Darling, A. Handrickan,

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. From: A.

Indian s field strong team

Adelaide, Nov 3.—India will Ian Chappell, Jenner and Mallett field a near Test team against have departed, while two current South Australia in the opening Test players are also missing, first class match of their cricket your of Australia at Adelaide Oval land and Hookes is a Kerry Packer The Indians have included their three best spin bowlers, Prasanna, the South Australian team. They Chandrasekhar and Bedi—the men are the former New Zealand (Cols they hope will beat Australia in the captain Jeff Crowe, the former

forthcoming Test series.

Only two pace bowlers, Ghavri and Amarnath, are in the side.
Gavaskar, India's leading batsman, will open the innings with young Dilip Vengsarkar.

There is a lot of batting depth in the dear which also involved to tralian Country team at Port Lin-

the side which also includes the dashing Viswanath, who scored an impressive 94 against a South Auscoln yesterday. South Australia, who failed to win a game last season, have a new look side since their Sheffield Athletics

Mrs King recently won an event in Phoenix by defeating, among others. Martina Navratilova as well as Wendy Turnbull in the final. Her victory over Miss Navratilova, the world's No 2, was the second in as many weeks. After four knee operations and a gruelling schedule, Mrs King says that she has regained her mobility.

"I'm as pleased as I can Several competitors face "I'm as pleased as I can

track and field ban Seville, Nov 3.—The names of if they had been taken a few weeks several track and field athletes before the test and many athletes

several track and field americs who fashed tests for anabolic steroids this summer will be announced over the weekend at a meeting of the European Athletic Association, sources said today. The sources said that the affletes tailed the tests at the Europa Cup B finals in Goteburg, and the A listels in Helsenic in August. The athletes understand to include athletes, understood to include both men and women, face a total ban from all track and field com-

stopped using the drugs about a mouth before a competition where they would be tested. But recent research in British has enabled research in British has enabled doctors to trace steroids taken several months earlier.

The RAA congress, which begins tomorrow, will also choose the site of the 1982 European championships for which Athens, Edinburgh, Munich and Lille have made an offer. The 1978 championships will be held in Prague. petition.

The tests are made in two stages and take several weeks. Federation's World Cup committees to increase the size of discuss the site for the 1979 event certain muscles. Until recently, steroids could only be detected and Palo Alto have applied.—UPL

Boxing

Battle among promoters for Ali's next contest

New York, Nov 3.—A battle is weight champion, fight in Las shaping up between the rival pro-moters, Don King and Bob Arum, The winner will face Ali in a title moters, Don King and Bob Arum, over who stages Muhammad All's next defence of his world heavy-weight boxing title.

The leading contenders, Ken Norton and Jimmy Young, have been clamouring for another chance at All's title.

All suggested that Norton and Young meet and he would meet the winner. King arranged the Norton-Young match which takes place in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Saturday. But in recent weeks, the champion has been vague about his intentions of facing either Norton or Young—even though the World Boxing Council has decreed that he fight the winner or face being stripped of his title.

Arum, who promoted several of

weight champion, fight in LasVegas on November 18.

The winner will face Ali in a title
match on February 15 at either Las
Vegas or Abidian, capital of the
Ivory Coast, according to Arum.

"We've been talking with the
Government of the Ivory Coast,
and we'll know in another few days
whether we can make a deal or
not", Mr Arum said.

King, meaniwhle, has begun to
wonder if Ali seriously intends to
fight the Norton-Young victor. "I
made this fight because Ali said he
would fight the winner", Mr King
declared. "If he doesn't go
through with it, then he is wrong,
and I will have to oppose him. The
World Boxing Association and the
WBC will lift his title, and they
will be right." ight me winner or face being stripped of his title.

Aram, who promoted several of All's fights before King burst on the boxing scene three years ago to become All's main promoter, claims he has a contract signed by All for a title defence on February 15 against the winner of a Leon Spinks Alfo Righetti bout.

Spinks 1976 Olympic champion, and Righetti, the Italian heavy-

Golf

Tapper masters rain as well as course

Sydney, Nov 3.—Mark Tapper, of Australia, took the lead in the first round of the New South Walles open golf championship here they after mastering a rainswept Pymble course with a 67, five under par. Tapper, aged 28, had eight birdies to finish a shot ahead of Allan May, a New South Wales professional, and Guy Wolsteinfolme. Wales professional, and Guy Wolsteinholme.

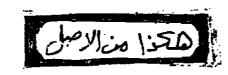
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Germory. B. Landerwood. (US).

Casper leads by two strokes on first day Rabat, Nov 2.—Billy Casper, of the United States took the lead on the first day of the Hassan crophy at the Der es Salam Club near here today. He scored a five-under-par 57, two strokes ahead of fellow Americans Lee Trevino and Ron Cerrido.

Joint fourth on 70 were Peter Jacobson, of the United States, Ernesto Perer Acosta, of Mexico, and Severiano Ballesteros of Spain. Leading concers:

67: W. Casper (198): 69: L. Trevino (195): R. Corroto (195): 70: S. Reinsteros (Spain). E. P. Acosta (Manton). P. Jacobson (195): 71: 1. Ournialds (France). K. H. Cospele (Gennary). R. Anio (18): 71: Cospele (Gennary). R. Anio (18): 7. Townsect (196): 72: A. Genlarde (Spain). N. Feldo (69): 72: A. Genlarde (Spain). T. Asson (195): P. Townselm (Belevino).



Course and distance should help Andy Pandy assert superiority

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent
The reappearance, after his summer's break, of the Whitbread Gold Cup winner, Andy Pandy, looks like being the highlight of the racing at Cheltenham today. The Cheltenham Steeplechase Strkes has been chosen by his trainer. Fred Rimell, as his first objective on a traff that will eventually lead to Aistree and a second crack at the Grand

Last March, Andy Pandy was Last March, Andy Pandy was going strongly in the lead at Liver-pool when he knuckled over on landing over Bechers Brook on the second circuit. Whether he would have won is anyone's guess. I happen to think that he would have done in spite of Red Rum's presence in the field, so well was he going at the time, but what is clear is that the race took nothing out of him.

Andy Pandy readnessed at Saning out of him.

Andy Pandy reappeared at Sandown Park three weeks later and won the Whitbread Gold Cup in a style that pleased the eye. Andy Pandy will be at a slight disadvanting today in that he has not had a rice this autumn, whereas Broncho II, Dawn Breaker, My Friendly Cousin, and Churchtown Boy all have. But that may sail

Boy all have. But that may still not stop him from asserting his

superiority once again on a course and over a distance that should suit him admirably.

Andy Pandy won his first race last season which would seem to suggest that he is a horse who comes to hand quickly. On this occasion his main stumbling block may well turn out to be My Friendly Consin rather than Broncho II. My Friendly Consin router than Broncho II. My Friendly Consin won his last race at Ascot easily, and he has only a paperweight to carry this afternoon.

If Ardy Pandy does manage to rise to the occasion, he could easily be the second of two winners for his trainer, and his jockey John Burke. Earlier in the afternoon they appear to have an excellent chance of winning the Embassy Premier Steeplechase in this coopery so fluently at Sandown Park a week ago.

Another Dolly used to be trained in Ireland and it was there that he caught Rimell's eye when he finished second at Punchestown and he as showed all too clearly at Punchestown again last month when he won the forms and the showed at Punchestown again last month when he won the forms and the showed at Punchestown again last month when he won the forms and the showed at Punchestown again last month when he won the forms and the showed at Punchestown again last month when he won the forms and the showed at Punchestown again last month when he won the forms and the showed at Punchestown the he won the forms and the showed at Punchestown again last month when he won the forms and the showed at the care that showed at the care that showed at the care that they will beat Ascot mide days ago to make me think that they will beat ascort interact that they will beat ascort make they will beat Ascot mide days the that they will beat ascort make they will beat ascort make they will beat and ascort make they will beat another bolly this afternoon. On the sand they will beat another bolly the ascort make they will beat ascort make they will beat another bolly the ascort make they will beat who won his first steeplechase in this country so fluently at Sandown Park a week ago.

Another Dolly used to be trained in Ireland and it was there that he caught Rimell's eye when he finished second at Punchestown in April. Apparently he was unlucky not to beat Hilly Way that day, and Hilly Way is no mean performer as he showed at Punchestown again last mouth when he won his first race of the season by five lengths.

Flitgrove and King Neptune

Uttoxeter results

Midnight Court to confirm promise

By Michael Seely
The 1977 flat racing season closes with the running of the William Hill November Handicap at Doncaster tomorrow. Sailcloth and Gale Bridge remain the best backed borses with all the leading booksmiters. However, the backed horses with all the leading bookmakers. However, the sponsors reported a move yesterday for Gale Bridge's stable companion, Lucent, who was backed down from 16-1 to 10-1. Coral's on the other hand had a flood of money for Gale Bridge, who is now their joint favourite with Sailcioth. Ladbroke's reported further interest in Sailcioth and also in the top weight, Sea Pigeon. It is a confused situation and a great deal must now depend on the weather. Strong winds were blowing across the Town Moor yesterday. The Doncaster turf is notoriously quick drying. I have a distinct feeling that we have not yet seen the best of Sea Pigeon despite his checkered seven years. And if the rains keep away it is going to be hard to keep this versatile gelding out of the first four tomorrow.

The meeting opens this afternoon with a first-class National Hunt card which compares favourably with the programme at

between Royal Marshai II, Fred Winter's promising young horse, Midnight Court and the Argen-Midnight Court and the Argentine-bried Casamayor, who handed out a handsome beating to Comedy of Errors and Broncho II at Worcester recently. Raymond Guest's Casamayor has done most of his racing in the United States. The seven-year-old has won at least six races in America and has twice filtished second to that top class mare Life's Illusion.

Royal Marshal is one of the best

class mare Life's Huston.

Royal Marshal is one of the best steeplethasers in the country on his day. His important victories have included triumphs in the Hennessy Gold Cup and in the King George VI Steeplechase. But his career has been plagued by a rendency to break blood vessels and his appearances have been restricted to seven in the past two seavons.

I intend opposing both Royal

servoirs.

I intend opposing both Royal
Marshal and Casmayor with the
relative novice, Midnight Court.
At Newbury recently Midnight
Court toyed with The Bo-Weevil
to beat him by 10 lengths. The
six-year-old was only successful
in one of his four races over
fences last season, but put up a
fine performance in the Heinz
Novices Handicap at Ascot in
April, when he finished second to
Commandant, conceding 8 lb to
the witner. Hunt card which compares Novices He favourably with the programme at April, when Chekenham. The Baxter Gate Commandar Steeplechase features a clash the winner.

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Show jumping

Colonel d'Inzeo disposes of strong opposition

From Pamela Macgregor-Morris
Telieran, November 3
Colonel Piero d'Inzeo and his grey Irish borse. Rameses, disposed of some formidable opposition when they sped round the barrage course in 28.8 sec to win the accumulator here this aftermoon over a progressively difficult set of fences. Eight horses achieved the maximum of 36 points and met again with time declsive. Harvey Smith and Olympic Star were first to go and made a mistake, David Broome and Highland Laddie went all the way round clear until Colonel Piero d'Inzeo and his grey Irish borse. Rameses, disposed of some formidable opposition when they sped round the barrage course in 28.8 sec to win the accumulator here this afternoon over a progressively difficult set of fences. Eight horses achieved the maximum of 36 points and met again with time declisive. Harvey Smith and Olympic Star were first to go and made a mistake, David Broome and Highland Laddie went all the way round clear until they had the last vertical poles down, so Britain's hopes evapor-

down, so Britain's hopes evapor-ated. Carol Maus, a Swiss-born pupil of Neison Pessoa and a beautifully stylish rider, was the first to attain a double maximum, riding

The Iranian riders, far from being discouraged by the opposition provided by some of the top European riders on their own horses, are relishing the challenge, and learning a great deal.

Balder for Brazil, in 45.5 sec. She retained her lead until the advent of Paul Schockemohle, on Windsor, for West Germany, who were clear in 43.2sec. But d'Inzeo went the shortest way on Ramesss. What great ambassadors are heard his brother Ralmondo for the sport—sadly they have not been to England for the past few years.

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US lead West Germany after first six events

New York, Nov 3.—West Germany's Hendrik Schulze-Siehoff rode Sarto, a seven-year-old geld-Whitaker of Britain, riding Ryan's Square Garden last night.

The 24-year-old Schulze-Sichoff and Sarto led a field of 18 international competitors with a faultless performance over the 11 obstacles in a fast time of 40.9 seconds.

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The Americans Buddy Brown on Viscount and Rodney Jenkins, on Singing Wind, was third with 14 points.—Reuter.

How a 16-year-old girl reached international prominence in one season

It all seems too good to be true

By Cliff Temple By Cliff Temple
Achletics Correspondent
Less than 12 months ago, Josephine White, from Baustead, Surrey, was just another promising schoolgiri runner, ranked fortieth in Britain at her best event, the 800 metres. For her age, 15, she was good but not the best, and offered few signs that by October 1977 she would have had such an outstanding season behind her than Esse would select her to receive one of their E2,000 Olympic scholarships. The award, announced on Wednesday, is spread over the four years leading up to Moscow in 1980.

What happened was that Miss White was able to develop her natural talent within one season to the point where she was a European jumor bronze medal winner in August, and breaker of the world jumor best for 1,000 metres in September. As time went on, she gu! faster, reversing the trend of previous seasons, where she would open up with her best times and then feel her strength chbing away

Behind the transformation was the Welwyn-based coach, Harry Wilson, whose "stable" already included Steven Ovett and Tony Simmons, and whose policy of coaching just a small select group of athletes, and giving each considerable attention, has proved so successful. In effect, he "rescued" Miss White from possibly languishing in a situation where a few hard-prussed coaches have Athletics Correspondent languishing in a situation where a few hard-pressed coaches have to look after a vast number of youngsiers, many of them unlikely to ever rise above club level.

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would help the girl, who had run

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Not that it i This mob coaching is of necessity the very backbone of the snort in this country, and a familiar sight at many dozens of venues on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. But its drawback is that it very rarely develops fully the potential of any embryn-stars. A large group is often held back by its slower members, and eventually the more talented but unstretched athletes may move away, borred and unfulfilled.

To their credit. Miss White's rown club, Mircham AC, recognized the situation and an official wrote to Wilson, asking if he including Grete Waitz, of Norway, who had won the World Cup 3,000 who had won the World Cup 3,000 metres a week earlier.
Only in the last lap did she realize that she had the strength to win, "and I was excited, rather than nervous, because I had nothing really to lose". Her time of 2min 38,6sec was a United Kingdom all-comers and national bost, and a world junior best, albeit for a non-standard event. Afterwards she was asked what she thought of the distance. "I quite like it" she admitted, "except for that last 30 metres!"

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Rivers exude revenge and malevolence as they intertwine

malevolence as they intertwine their cloaks and matted hair, indeed their persons, in an orgy of enamoured hate. Mr Blatchley makes much of Emma's ghost, appropriately in theory (she precipitates the intrigue) and often in practice.

His production has splendid

moments, such as the Quater-mass-like heaving of the ground vice dragon apparition in the desert. It is dark in tone, al-most throughout, sometimes tiresomely, nough that affords

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Hard to pick and choose: London's own film festival

the big name pictures than usual. One consolatory reason for this is that foreign-language films are tending to ger quicker releases in London, so times two of the year's major tilms—Padre Padrone, the Cannes Grand Prix winner, and Robert Bresson's Le Diable, Propablement which received a Special Jury Award at Berlin-have already found British distributors.

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The Berlin Grand Prix winner does appear in the festival programme, however: Larisss Shepitko's The Ascent is the first Soviet film to have taken this award in the festival's 25 this award in the testival's 25 years (during most of which, admittedly, the Soviet Union did not participate). This is Shepitko's sixth film, though no fewer than three of its predecessors seem to have run foul of the soviet authorities. foul of the soviet authorities. The Ascent is hardly a conformist film, drawing allegorical parallels between the ordeal of a group of captured Soviet parassans in 1942 and Calvary. Shot in richly textured black and white, it has a thrilling vitality and virtuosity.

Neither of the festival's other two big pictures made it, for some reason, to London last year. The opening film is Bernardo Bertolucci's 1900, a massive panorama of Italian history from 1900 to 1945 seen in the microcosm of a patriar-chal Emilian farm estate. Since chal Emilian farm estate. Since its original Cannes screening, Bertolucci has reduced it by about an hour from the original five and a half hours, and says he prefers the cut version. It will be interesting to see, because in the original the second half of the film ran badly aground in shallows of political confusion. Viscont's last film, L'Innocente (The last film, L'Innocente (The Intruder), based on a story by D'Annunzio, is set in the world of the Italian grand bourgeoisic just before the First World Warner society of exploration War-a society of asphyxiating elegance that at once fascinat-ed Visconti and offended him as the seeding ground of Italian fascism.

West Germany once more dominates the festival. Following the director's vocal disillusion with his own country, this will be the world premiere of Hans Jurgen Syberberg's Hitler—A Film Made in Germany, which will be screened on successive nights in two three-hour parts. three-hour parts. There are two Fassbinder films, his 1976 Chinese Roulette, an acid comedy about the new German comedy about the new German bourgeoisie; and his 3}-hour adaptation for television of Oskar Matia Graf's small-town melodrama Bolwieser. There are also two Herzog programmes, one with Stroszek, an unexpectedly (for Herzog) comic and anarchic anecdote thour the collision of the gremmes, one with Stroszek, an unexpectedly (for Herzog) comic and anarchic anecdote about the collision of the United States and Bruno S, the eccentric street singer whom Herzog discovered to play the wild boy in his Caspar 15 programmes of Krinsh indication, and in the purple of the programmes of Krinsh indication, and in the programmes of Krinsh indication, and unexpectedly (for Herzog) debuts by new directors. They range from the purple avantument (States and Brunos Cry, Malcolm le Grice's Blackbird Descending) to Jonathan Lewis's documentary on Thir-

Acis and Galatea

plain Handel Opera, as it is now

to be called). It is not easy to

stage; like an extended drama-

tic cantata, its series of arias

is linked in terms of plot more

than in terms of action; that

implies that, to make the words

mean anything on the stage,

characters have to be arbitrarily

transported. And the culmina-tion, Acia's death and his trans-formation into a brook, is also

Finompson's new production, sen on Wednesday (there are

hree further performances), nade light of the difficulties.

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Lertainly the stage looks well:
he designs by Imogen Magnus
and Miranda Melville, less
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The London Firm Fessival Hauser; the other comprising comes round again, starting on November 14 and celebrating of two documentaries on human oddity: La Soufrière relis of the stoicism with which the inhewildering display of nearly 80 programmes. The choice is the more difficult this year because there are fewer of the hig name victures than a contest for auctioneers in Pennsylvania.

Two other West German documentaries are irresistible portraits of old stars: Evelyn Künneke (in Rosa von Praunheim's Ich bin ein Antistar) was a popular singer of the Thirties, Fornies and Fifties who just keeps going, defying the Seventies. Valeska Gert, the subject of Volker Schloendorif's rough-and-ready For Fun-For Play, is a survivor from the Expressionist era, a comedisame and eccentric dancer who preserves internal the cer who preserves intact all the excitement and fantasy of Ber-

lin Twenties cabaret. Also from Germany are Soh-Also from Germany are Sohrab Shabid Saless's patient,
entomological study of a madman, a victim of the city,
Diary of a Lover; Wim Wenders's version of Patricia
Highsmith's novel Ripley's
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Freund; and Erwin Keusch's
marvellens The Rober's Read marvellous The Baker's Bread a touching study of a cheerful young apprentice who becomes caught up in his master's stubborn determination to keep up the old standards of his trade. There is another Papricia Highsmith adaptation (she has been a favourite with film people since Hitchcock made Strungers on a Train) from France, Such Sweet Sickness, directed by Claude Miller, who made La Meilleure Façon de Marcher. Also from France are three films by the redoubtable

three films by the redoubtable Marguerite Duras (Le Camion, Marguerite Diras (Le Camion, Buxter, Vera Baxter, and Des Lournées entières dans les Arbres), in case you are into her particular style of minimalist cinema, viewed as an extension of her work in the novel; a debut that comes with strong recommendations. Benoir lacquer's Les Evients Benoit Jacquor's Les Enfants du Placard; and Agnès Varda's exciting comeback with L'Une Chante, l'Autre pas, a story of the tribulations and conquests of two girl friends over a period of years.

period of years.

Varda's film shares with Nine Months, directed by the Hungarian Marta Meszaros, the strength of being a human document first, and a feminist appeal afterwards. In the Hungarian film Lili Monori (the marvellous actress from When Joseph Returns) plays a girl who decides to go it alone in the world rather than submit to male concepts of a woman's to male concepts of a woman's role. The actress actually gave birth to her own baby in from of the cameras for the sake of the authenticity of the film's

climactic scene.

After that it is hard to pick and choose. The festival this year makes a special feature of 18 programmes of British inde-

ties political artitudes, Before Hindsight, and Peter Barnes's adaptation of his own play, Leonardo's Last Supper: There is a delightful rambling picaresque from Australia, The Picture Show Man, about a travelling cinema in the Twenties; James Ivory's opinious of three stories centred on the dancers of New York's famous o'd ballroom, Roseland: Fred Wissman's cool and Hiling state of the descenaely expestudy of the desperately exag-gerated nationalist sentiments of an American outpost of empire, Canal Zone; the Swiss Alain Tamer's Jonas qui aura 25 ans en Pen 2000, scripted by John Berger, and circling round a group of people going on for middle age and still trying to come to terms with their world after the traumas of 1000 of 1968.

The great coup of the festival though is its closing film, Charles Chaplin's A Woman of Paris, one of the great mystery films of the cinema, never films of the cinema, never seen in the balf-century since its first reflease (it was made in 1923). This was the first time that Chaplin directed without starring be appears in a walk-on as a railway porter—and was intended to star his loyal and beautiful leading lady. Edna Purviance, and the suave and witty Adolphe Menjou. With its story of a village girl who become a courtesan, and its moral that "humanity is combecome a courtesan, and its moral that "humanity is composed not of heroes and villains but of men and women", the film has a quality that is at once Victorian and universal; and Chaplin's visual brilliance. ance set a new standard for filmed comedy of manners.

Black Joy (x) Plaza 2/ North and South London release Voyage of the Damned (aa) ABC Shaftesbury Avenue

Such is the state of British film-making that Black Joy is only the third feature film that Anthony Simmons has made in Anthony Simmons has made in a career that goes back some 20 years. His previous features, Four in the Morning and The Optimists of Nine Elms (originally written for Buster Keaton but eventually played by Peter Selkers), and his short films have all been about London and Londoners; and no other director has caught them other director has caught them so well as Simmons, with his delight in shabby, familiar rea-lity and his gift of unsentimen-tal affection.

Black Joy, which he co-scripted with Jamal Ali, from Aire play Dark Days and Light Nights, is about the new Lon-doners, the black immigrant population of Coldharbour Lane. Young Benjamin (Trevor Thomas) strives at Heathyne Thomas) arrives ar Heathrow migrant), a country boy from Guyana. Arriving in Brixton he has his wallet stolen and spends nights in a dosshouse



Unknown Chaplin: A Woman of Paris at the end of the festival

cocious juvenile delinquent (nine-year-old Paul Medford) whose mother keeps a cafe and sleeps with Dave; and the child's capricious child's capricious sister. Together they show Benjamin the ropes of immigrant life in

Whirled along by Lou Reizner's black music sound-track, the whole film is explosive with life and vigour and optimism. It makes no claim to opiniosis. It makes no centil to rigorously complete ethnogra-phy or sociology. The white presence is hardly touched on; the mutual double-crossing and cheating and stealing within the community is laughed off with unlikely rolerance and good humour. But this is a case where the positive aspects are exaggerated not out of mis-representation, but because the film is precisely about the pri-macy of joy and hope and jol-lity. "I wanted to show the readity of life in an immigrant writes Simmons: "angry and frustrated like so and many other parts of Britain.— The players, in fact, never look but full of hope and humour." more animated than in the It is no bad kind of partiality; scene of a shipboard masked and recognized as the fable it ball.

before falling in with a is, Black Joy is the best work friendly sponger and con-man, to have celebrated black immi-Daye (Norman Beaton), a pre- grant life.

The dialogue is funny, very rude, and coloured with poetrude, and coloured with poet-ry; the performances—espe-cially the leading men and the child—are totally convincing; and Philip Meheux's photo-graphy, catching Brixton on the wing (often you can see that bystanders are oblivious that the actors are playing a scene amongst them) is outstanding.

This admirable film and enterminment cost perhaps one twentieth of the budget of Voyage of the Damned. The tragedy of this film is that while British talents of the

The film is offensive because to have celebrated black immi-grant life.

The dialogue is funny, very importance; but pitiable because the people who made it most likely were convinced that they were doing some-thing noble and humane. The

story is based on a Nazi propaganda ploy in 1939 when a passenger liner laden with Jews was courteously shipped out of Germany to Havana. The Germans calculated that when Cuba and every other country refused to accept the refugees, the rest of the world would forfeit its moral right to criticize the German solution

to the Jewish question. The film conforms to the while British talents of the calibre of Anthony Simmons cannot find employment, Sir Lew Grade, having decided to make the Great British Blockbuster, should scour the United States to find a director (Stuart Rosenberg) who displays only a bizarte skill for reducing even good actors like Max von Sydow, Oskar Werner and Julie Harris to zombies. The players, in fact, never look worst conventions of the shipsecretly play American gramo-phone records in the privacy of their cabins.

David Robinson

Important revival of rare opera

Eurvanthe Coliseum

William Mann Carl Maria von Weber's reputa-

tion as an opera composer seems nowadays to depend on Euryonthe and Oberon, rather than on Der Freischütz, an and again until it all makes easier success that has become sense. Mr Warrack's translation discredited and now needs special pleading. The later, more subtle and lofty Eurymithe and Oberon were never given lasting popular credit, rather the reverse. Musicians praised their scores, when they knew them: Schumann declared that Euryanthe cost Weber "part of his life, but made him immortal".

A curious immortality confined to the opera's overture, especially when one remembers for how long Weber has been loved and admired for quite other works, the *Invitation to* other works, the Invitation to the Dance to go no further. Yet there have always been Euryanthe devotees. For a long time they tried to help it up the staircase to popular fami-liarity by changing the plot, or the text, or even the music. Now the pleas are only for audiences to see and hear what Weber wrote before deciding if Euryanthe is not stirring early

romantic opera.
One such eager champion has One such eager champion has been John Warrack, author of the standard work on Weber, and now also of a new English translation of Euryanthe which the English National Opera took into its repertory on Wednesday, unaltered and virtually uncut. The music of Euryanthe had already revealed splendid qualities, particularly on a re-cent recording, when left to speak for itself. Here it is under the charge of Sir Charles Groves, the ENO's imminent musical director. The drama is in the care of John Blatchley; the sets, based on the raked maxi-waffle-iron familiar from Dalibor and The Royal Hunt of the Sun (still good for service in

many other operas) by Stefanos Lazaridis.

The plot of Euryanthe is notoriously silly and incompe-tently unravelled. I have seen it more than once, and listened to it much more often, and now find the scenario not difficult

some marvellous lighting effects. The regimental treatment of the important chorus looks consistently dull and untheatrical. Sir Charles directed the Sir Charles directed the music on Wednesday with more care than verve: it was a smooth-running, often lovely, more often dully monotonous reading. There was superb, dramatic singing from the villains, Miss Connell and Mr. Rivers. Both can negotiate florid runs expertly; not so Lois McDonall whose Euryanthe was

and emphoric in gentle melody, slithery in bravura. Derek Blackwell made a brave try at Adolar but seemed over-parted for the heroic clumsy and ugly patches in his vocal equipment. Dennis Wicks made a strong, dependable King Louis, although one would not nickname him "The Fat" as was his historical original.

he was at work on his first sym-

phony. Appropriately, that was made the main work, and it was

made the main work, and it was prefaced, again appropriately, by the song cycle which Mahler used in its composition, the Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen. The performance of the latter piece was spoilt by an unfortunate replacement soloist, but there was plenty of German remandic sensitivity in the

romantic sensitivity in the pleasantly easy-going accom-

It was seen that Kurt Masur,

the symphony also had an un-

strained reading, at least until the finale. The horns had a

deep forest tone, the clarinets

and even the cafe music of the slow movement, which Mahler marks "with parody", was done instead with warm affection, the illing above careed by the

illing oboes caressed by the strings. If the finale brought a new note of drama, it also had

much glowing beauty and grace; and how good it was to have a concert with no interval, even if the cause was a threa-

were marvellously

tened power cut.

sweet and gracious, expressive and emphoric in gentle

Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra

Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths Johann Cilensek's organ concerto was a strange work for the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the orchestra of Mendelssohn and Nikisch, to choose as overture for their visit to the South Bank on Wednesday. Cilensek is not among the most renowned composers of the German Democratic Republic, nor is his organ concerto calculated to make much of a stir. Mildly deporting itself through secure territory, it allowed the soloist, Hannes Kastner, little room to show contrapuntal playing you would

orchestral strings, to the sweet-toned violins and the firm, Por the rest it was Mahler, who held the post of second conductor of this orchestra in 1886-87, during the period when

expect of the organist of the Thomaskirche. It did serve, however, to introduce us to the

BBC SO/Barshai St John's

Joan Chissell

The BBC Symphony Orchestra under the Russian conductor, Rudolf Barshai, introduced a new Russian symphony by Alexandre Lokshin to London on Wednesday in a concert at St John's. Scored for strings, harp and baritone, this two-movement work dates from 1970, when the composer, a pupil of Miaskovsky, was 50. The Russian premiere was given that same year by the Moscow Chamber Orchestra under Mr

Barshai, the dedicatee. The music is troubled, and the two Shakespeare sonnets serving as text say why. The first is No 66, "Tired with all these, for restful death I cry also chosen by Shostakovich for an English song-cycle (subsequently orchestrated) way back in 1942. Possibly the line "and art made rongue-tied by authority" has special signifi-cance for a Soviet composer.

There is a strong note of profest in the first movement, the strings sharing the sentiment with a biting intensity before melting into the desolate

second sonnet is No 73. "That time of year", ending the work in a mood of intimate valediction. Here again the strings carry far too much of the expression for the piece to be described as a pair of orchestrated songs.

Yet "symphony" is perhaps a bit misleading too, despite the lead given by Shostakovich in this direction. The style is by no means avant-garde. But the craftsmanship is skilful enough and the feeling so sentitive and that the meanstille. sage does not sound second-hand. The baritone soloist, Thomas Allen, put words across with ringing conviction, and strings and harp played very feelingly for Mr Barshai too.

Symphonies by Haydn and Beethoven completed the programme. Bigger orchestras in London than he had ever known at home delighted Haydn. Yet the notoriously resonant St. John's made the resonant St John's made the BBC Orchestra sound just a bit too much of a good thing in the "London" symphony, No 104. Nor did Mr Barshai seem to have anything very stylish or personal to communicate about this music. With Beetteoven, on the other hand, he was on excellent terms. The fourth symphony came across at strong enough voltage to make non-sense of the common conten-tion about this composer's last line "save that to die I tion about this composer".

leave my love alone". The relaxation in even numbers.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.



Treating Acis as a highly stylized pastoral idyll, with formalized movement and elaborate gesture, may in fact work rather better than this more "plausible" manner, because plausibility so often wavers. I was sorry to see that the comic possibilities surround-Acis and Galacca, the crowning work of Handel's early years, ing Polyphemis were so eagerly seized upon; a lighter hand might be more apt to what is a has had to wait a long time for inclusion in the London seasons of the Handel Opera Society (or pastoral tragedy.

That may however be attri-butable rather to Ian Wallace's impersonation; with his vocal resources slenderer than once they were, and his sharp gift for comic timing it was unsur-prising. But a Polyphemus ought to be able to thunder at least a little.

Joy Roberts made an attrac-Joy Roberts made an attractive Galatea, perhaps a shade mild when singing of "fierce desire", but articulating the music sweetly and charmingly in "As when the dove" and soaring beautifully above the chorus in the closing scene. Her Acis, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, sang censuously and alexanty in "Love in her eyes sits playing " and with proper virility in "Love sounds th'alarm".

Peter Jeffes disclosed a promisingly full-toned tenor in Damon's music. It is not so easy to find kind things to say about the chorus, but one must recog-nize the difficulty in assembling a group that can cope with five-part writing including two tenor lines, and, further, can

Charles Farncombe, who conducted, tended to hurry things along at first, and though later he relaxed be never seemed to be giving his singers quite the scope they needed. He was, however, in lively form in the prologue to Rameau's Les fêtes d'Hébé, which preceded Acis. This delightful entertainment, if a trifle soulless next to Handel, was sung by the same principals, with Miss Roberts placing Hebe's music delicately (even if she is slightly bland in tone for Rameau and Mr Johnson providing an cloquent Momus, while Dinah Harris sang Amour music in pleasantly pointed fashion. The dances were persuasively choreo-graphed, in period style, by Belinda Quirey.

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A sequel that outclasses the original

Filomena

Lyxic

Irving Wardle

This reunion for Franco Zeffirelli and Joan Plowright in another of Eduardo de Filippo's Neapolitan comedies strikingly breaks the usual law of diminishing returns as a sequel that outclasses the original. Filamena, judging from the Keith Waterhouse-Willis Hall translation, seems an inherently stronger piece than Saturday
Sunday Monday, and the production shows none of the overblown grandeur with which
Zeiffirelii launched this author on the National Theatre stage.

The subject as ever, is the virtue of family life: and to speciators reared on the watery sentiments of Dear Octopus, I should point out that in Fibppo this theme amounts to a passion. Filumena carries the passon. Fitumena carries the same message as his other work: overcome your squabbles, whatever they are, and live in peace. It is the most rightly constructed of his plays that I have seen; but that word "construction" invokes Shaw's wrathful comments on Sardou's "cradle" dramas. "When the critics said 'How exquisitely constructed!' I said, 'Where's the baby?' What Filippo does, again and again, is to re-create his ancient theme as a brand new creature. Prodigious craftsmanship

plays its necessary part in this. Filumena starts with a marriage and ends with a marriage, but nestic harmony seems the least likely outcome for the warring partners of the first act. The curtain rises on the apoplectic fury of Domenico Soriano, a wealthy middle-aged businessman who has just been tricked into marrying his mistress of the past 25 years supposing her to be dying. The ceremony concluded, Filumena bounds off the death hed, a fully fledged mistress of the house, ferociously eager to make up for the past humiliations she has been swallowing ever since Domenico took her off the streets. She begins by demolishing his gold-digging new girl friend, and winds up the scene by tucking heartily into the specially ordered dinner with which Domenico and the girl had planned to celebrate her demise.

But her main plan is to legitimize the three sons she has secretly provided for during her years of dependence. At this demand Domenico hits the

roof yet again, and succeeds



Photograph by Zoe Dominic

Patricia Hayes, Joan Plowright, Colin Blakely and Larry Noble

in getting a lawyer to pro-nounce the marriage invalid. In the second act, therefore, the slate is wiped clean for the partners to begin afresh. And it is from this point that the real qualities of the play begin to emerge. As before with this author, what starts by appearing a local drama from far away gradually winds itself into universality.

That is a process which Filippo duplicates in the play itself by bringing on the three sons, all unknown to one another, all with different class loyalties, and forging the bonds of family feeling be-tween them and their elders. Filippo achieves that by the simple and brilliant device of crediting one of them to Nomenico who promptly en-gages them in bilarious cross-examination on their sexual and musical prowess, aiming to

weed out the one with his own traits. He never finds out, and Filumena, whom he recourts and remarries, never divulges the secret. " Either they are all equal", she says, "or they are enemies". The play could have carried Arthur Miller's title, All My Sons.

To some extent, the play's at a climax of rage that has to be repeatedly re-topped and Zeffirelli's cast, who gallantly until they get some chance to relax. There is more energy than fun. But when they change from enraged marionettes into people, that objection melts away. And apart from the climactic passages there is a flow of tiny encounters, like

Cotto Blakely's grizzled Domenico embracing his old crony Alfredo (Larry Noble) in joint recognition of the passing years. Everything about Mr Blakely, from his head-beating gestures and arrogant SPUL, undergoes visible transforma-tion through the evening.

Joan Plowright, as a woman technical and emotional diffi- who cannot weep, works within culties for the actor are a more limited emotional range, separate. The first scene starts showing a transition from revenge to stoical dignity, before her final wonderful moment when she finds she can shed rears: at the time, it essay Italian accents, do not seems that she is doing. Other altogether get away with it performances, especially Trevor performances, especially Trevor Eve and Christopher Guard among the brothers, are inci-sively individualized; and Rainonda Gaetani's specious, heavily furnished set, crammed with ancestral and equestrian portrairs, gives the family a real home to inherit.



The serious level discrimination has reached in the queue for a job

I was entertained, but also sad-I know, but he should not dis-tort and mislead. He has even enforcing the anti-incitement when the 1976 provisions of the Public Order Act was passed. is not obliged (as was the former Race Relations Board) can do more harm that to take up aware indicated to take up aware indicat

to take up every individual complaint of discrimination. Of course there must be full As I said to some newspaper But if we look carefully at editors last month. "The public the present scene, we must diswant information and reassurance; there must be no sweepcarpet, no suspicion of conspircarpet, no suspicion of conspiration, including such research including members of ethnic as that done by Political and minority communities, are auxious about one aspect or stitute of Personnel Manage-

and immigration scene' mine stimulate further com-ment in your columns, well and good. A year ago I made the very difficult decision to the very difficult decision to
leave the House of Commons
fremanurely and take this fullof direct discrimination each ecome convinced that we roubles only by a more posi-tive and determined national however, there is need for a statutory agency to help Britain through this period of adjustment to an equal-opportunity multi-racial society.

Given the extent of discrimdened, by the picture of the inction and disadvantage from race relations scene which Mr which many members of our ination and disadvantage from Ronald Butt painted in his ethnic minorities (especially recent article. He is a sceptic, the Asian, West Indian and African) are genuinely suffergot the law wrong. For examble is required for faster ple, the Attorney-General, not progress. That was the virtue Commission for Racial tually unanimous, all-party That was use unanimous, all-party when the 1976 Race Relations

> So can over-zealous people who bed and devalue the currency

cern other dangers—far more real and urgent, in my view— which do not appear in Romald Butt's picture. All my informaanother of the race relations ment, points to the persistence serious scale, particularly in employment, despite the progress made in getting rid of some of its most blatant manifestations.



, listening and talk- Britain. Despite his education local communities and his move up the ladder, ing to local communities and his move up the ladder, around the country. The his experiences are typical of danger of Ronald Butt's gra-those which other blacks are dualism is "too little and too still facing-late". Something more positive This has than "encouraging each man's sense of duty to other men" is -and needed quickly.

The seriousness of the situayear in recruitment alone. The same study showed that unskilled Asian and West Indian job applicants faced a one in two chance of discrimination, colleague, Mr Clifton Robinship of the colleague, Mr Clifton Robins effort, including stronger legislation. If I can work myself
out of a job, I shell be
delighted! I hope it will not
be many years before special
laws on race (and sex?)
become unnecessary and are
superseded by some form of
general legislation safeguarding human rights. At present,
however, there is need for a
statutory agency to help
Britain through this period of
adjustment to an equal-opportunity remains a mirage.

Two chance of discrimination,
colleague, Mr Clifton Robinson. Till recently a headmaster
in three chance, and skilled
applicants a one
in five
experience, he is now my fulltime deputy chairman. Mr
Robinson first came here from
Jamaica to serve in the wartheir parents or their friends'
experience, believe that they
will have no secure or dignified place in British society,
country. He has, however, unlike Ronald Butt and myself,
like Ronald Butt and myself,
first-hand experience of discrimination and of the difficultrunity remains a mirage. ties facing black people in

brown: supporters of all three main political parties;

rigorously, though not oppresnot only the confidence of the minorities. The law must be both effective and impartial in its operation. We favour positive action (permitted by the law) to help particular groups overcome their special disadvantages, but we see the perils of "reverse discrimina-

Individuals with genuine complaints of discrimination look to us for support, and we shall help them as much as we can. We shall not be concerned with ill-founded or frivolous

To tackle racial discriminause it as much as is necessary, for persuasion will not be enough to ensure equal opportunities for all. We shall use it. I hope, responsibly and openly with sensitivity as, well as with

adversaries, in the drive for equality of opportunity. There snasion, for simulating volun-rary action in many fields of national life. The more

government the better. Government depart Local authorities, with their

cation and the social services Employers and trade unionists delicate; we may make mis can apply equal opportunity takes. In the attack on injus schemes in their organizations. tices we intend to act Constructive work at local level relations councils, minority organizations, the churches, the police, voluntary bodies and individuals.

Among the initial priorities on which we have agreed, none is of greater urgency than providing more help and hope for young blacks. Many have been born in Britain bur do not fee much talent to contribute. Society must redouble its efforts to draw them back into the mainstream of life. In our Commission's recen strategy statement, we called on "individuals and organizaions throughout our national

Otherwise, putting the issue negatively, the risk of racial violence will grow. Putting it positively, the nearer we can attain to equality of opportunity, the healthier stronger Britain will become slike, will try to play our par

David Lane

Saving the **Bellini**

The successful outcome of the nationwide appeal launched in July to save Giovanni Bellini's signed and dated Cornbury Park alterpiece of 1505 for Birmingham City Museums and Art Gallery has much more than local significance. The strategy of the appeal (first reported in The Times (June 20)) was sized at mission the 28)) was aimed at winning the patronage of men like Lord Clark, as well as of influential people in commerce and industry. It was also important to establish the status of the painting which had been vir-tually inaccessible to scholars since it was seen by Georg Gronau at the Royal Academy Old Masters exhibition in 1895, until its reappearance in 1967

on loan to Birmingham. Intensive research filled in most of its nineteenth-century provenance and led us back to Verona, the first known owners and recorded as such by Ridolfi in 1648. Our debt to fellow art-historians and, in particular, to our colleagues at the National Gallery can now be gratefully recorded.

The illustrated booklet by

Peter Cannon-Brookes, The Cornbury Park Bellini, sets the arr-historical scene by summa-rizing the evidence including information derived from information derived from detailed examination in our Conservation department. This shows that the picture is a fully autographed work, with the exception of the head of the donor, which was painted in probably almost at once.

booklet was for the company booklet was for the company boardroom and charitable trusts, the general public needed less esoteric fare. Bankers, appeal leaflets and posters were essential; we also produced button badges inscribed Bellini for Brun!, red T-shirts and plastic shopping

our target of £400,000 by September 30 was daunting. At the outset of the appeal, thanks to the National Art-Collections fund, the Birming-ham city council, Friends of the Museum and £50,000 from the Victoria and Albert Museum, we had £112,000. Two Mahon through the National Act-Collections fund, turned

his domation should be matched by a special Exchequer grant was at first received cauciously by the Minister for the Arts, Lord Donaddson. The point had already been made The author by our appeal chairman, the Birmingham art Gallery

letter to The Times of August 4 that provincial museums should equally benefit from matching Government aid such as had just been offered the Tate Gallery for the purchase of works of national import-

announced special Government grants totalling £72,000, the appeal had raised some £300,000. Many contributions had been received from charitable trusts, companies and private individuals from all or

The belance, including £6,000 remotional costs borne initialby the Friends of the written by the city council to enable the picture to be pur-chased. The V. & A. local pur-chases fund commitmion, had

What are the wider implicarrous? Had we failed, the Gatlery would doubtedly have wished to cra-nder purchasing the Bellini, but since their resources have already been heavily commitred during the current finan-cial year, could the trustees

good conscience, have refused an export licence after all arrempts at a private sale had failed, and the benefit of tax concessions consequently lost? The Government was only able to assist Birmingham with a special grant by using money saved from the arts vote which would normally have been clawed back by the Treasury. A special supplementary esti-mate will have to be approved

Must national and major regional museums always in future go first to public appeal greats? And how much longer will the public be willing to beil out our museums and, by extension, the Government? What is the Land Fund to be used for, if not to safeguard our national heritage? The fate of the Gainsborough por-trait of Benjamin Truman and Provincial museums, far less well-bested than the nationals, are in the worst plight of all. Nevertheless, by deciding to mational significance. We are thus doubly-gradeful. The les-son will not be lost on Bristol, Leeds, Liverpool and Manches-

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Bernard Levin

mittee on Race Relations Immigration and of the

"Think Tank's" report to the Government. What is at stake is much wider than "race". If injustices are left to fester, the

whole body politic will suffer.
If we succeed in overcoming
them, the benefits will be

society. Our main duties are to help eliminate racial discrim-

the benefits will

What goes underneath when the walls come tumbling down?

I have a feeling that the day when all men are brothers, and all work shoulder to shoulder in peace and harmony, may be slightly farther off than the more optimistic among us suppose. It is commonly believed that the urge to build the new Jerusalem is in all of us, and hat the only things holding up designs and a series of strikes at McAlpine's. But I have a ar McAipine's. But I have a riny wisp of evidence to pre-sent which suggests that there may just possibly be a much more powerful hindrance altogether, to wit, the prefer-ence that many very respect-able folk have for demolition over construction.

Just opposite the building which houses The Times, a row of shops and houses is being knocked down. My room shares with the whole of the western side of the building (and of that of *The Sunday Times*, which is next door) a superb side of the building (and of that of The Sunday Times, which is next door) a superby wiew of the work as it goes forward. And I have so far met nobody with a seat in the grandstand who isn't enjoying the show, and enjoying it, moreover, for reasons over and above (or rather, under and below) the normal pleasure to be derived from watching others work, especially when, as in this case, the work demands considerable skill and intrepidity, since the men are demands considerable skill and intrepidity, since the men are frequently in the position of sawing away the branch they are sitting on, or at any rate of knocking away with a pickate the very bit of brickwork they are balancing on. (They remind me of the Brothers Blondini—"Scaffolding to the gentry"—in Frank Dickens's implify sister newspapers (1 do hope I am not about to be sent to Coventry by my colleagues on this side of the building) slowed down; nobody wanted to be looking away when Jerich fell.

But then the men began to lever away at the wall with their struts, and a still greater joy seized us; for it was now

mighty cartoon strip from the London Evening Standard, who perform their daredevil feats before the entire Chester-Perry organization, and in particular Bristow, the epony mous hero of the strip.) the word, as will shortly become all too apparent) got

storey, though it now con-sisted of nothing but the rafters of the ground floor's ceiling, and they had seemed for some time to be knocking down the end wall, first clearing the reinforced brickwork from the top of it. Soon, however, it appeared that they had something grander in mind, as they began to put struts, having the effect of antibuttresses, right across the area in which they were workone go. Work at the two mighty sixter newspapers (I do hope I am not about to be sent to Coventry by my colleagues on this side of the building) slowed down: nobody wanted to be looking away when Jericho fell.



clear that the men were not content to push over the whole wall of the first storey. That, wall of the first storey. Inst, after all, was only the top half of a wall the lower half of which closed off the same end of the ground floor; they were going to push two storeys' worth of wall over with one

difficult diagrams) will realize this, if they succeeded, would leave them standing on the mere rafters of a floor fixed only at one end, but we assumed (rightly, as it turned out) that they were able to take care of themselves, and work on the mighty heave. As those of you westerly marches of Thomson who have got the picture (it's Newspapers ceased altogether.

4If you're so rich, why

from the ground to the top of the first floor—swayed out-wards under the combined wards under the combined leverage of the struts and of the men themselves, who with ing right up against the face of the wall they were trying to push over away from them. Under each successive heave is swayed farther out before rock-Back darted Spurius Lartius Horarius was left to face the bricks of Tuscany, With a final bricks of Tuscany. With a final mighty shove, he sent the wall swaying out past the point of no return, and himself darted to safety. The walt leaned over, and, without cracking or even bending half-way, it went down in a roar and a mighty cloud of dust. But the roar of falling ansents were drowned by the masoury was drowned by the rolling cheer that greeted it from our side of the street. Now since I contributed

Now since I contributed amply to the applause, I step into the wimess-lox and testify to my emotions. They consisted of pure, guiltless pleasure in destruction unqualified by any nobler feeling. Would I have experienced the same intensity of happiness, or indeed anything but a mild interest, if what I had been watching was the "tooping-out" ceremony

But if I am not a treak, then

the pleasure in destruction is something deep and wide in us, and it would be no bad idea Depending, no doubt, on tem-perament, we can choose either yearning/repression. both versions there is something in us which wishes to destroy. have any self-knowledge at to the negativity inside doubt my Times colleagues and I, applauding the fall of the House of Usber, were projecting onto the wall that which we did not wish to recognize we did not wish to recognize inside us. And yet that explanation, fraught as it is with powerful rruths, will inevitably seem too weighty for the instinctive pleasure we felt at the thouderous collapse of the assaulted and ravished bulwark. On the other hand, if we think that no explanation is required for such an instinct and such for such an instinct and such a pleasure, we seem to have convicted ourselves of a basic-

whet I had been warching was
the "nopping-out" ceremony
which indicates that the construction of a building lass been
successfully concluded? I
would not Yet I do not consider myself, whatever others
may think, a monster of
depravity; Thomme mogen sensuel at most. Besides, my feelings were clearly shared by my
colleagues. (Invidious to mention names, unless they do send
me to Coventry, in which case

planation which few of us
would welcome.

There is a dilemma, not easy
to resolve. But there are also
half a dozen buildings yet to
fell on the other side of the
windows overlooking the action
are now thinking of renting
space to our comrades on the
blind side of the building. What
do you suppose that implies?

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Christopher Logue

The arrows and

There was some thunder and occasional lightning at the Cheshire Cheese in Fleet Street yesterday when the Institute of Journalists entertained not one but two big names in the Meet the Editors

John Junor, of the Sunday Express, Fleet Street's longest serving editor, thak a sobering look at press and other free-doms; and Richard Jograms, of

Private Ege, nook a good-humoured swape or two at the

Papers tended, he said, to blame the libel laws when they were prevented from prioring certain stories. But he spread

the targets

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Longest march of all for Reg Prentice

One of the main twittering points at Westminster yesterday as the new session of Parliament opened was how the Commons would react to Mr Reg Prentice, one-time Labour MP and now the newest recruit to Mrs Thatcher's back benches. The new Tory looked somewhat apprehensive, seated two rows behind his leader, as MPs assembled to await the summons from Black Rod which would set them all striding towards the House of Lords. He certainly seemed safe enough squeezed in among the serried ranks of muscular looking Conservatives, but the test-

The usual procedure on this occasion, before the two parties begin tearing each other apart in the coming months, is for MPs to walk from the chamber arm in arm - or at least side by side-with their opponents. Every eye was on Mr Prentice as he filed from his seat Would any Labour MP worth his Socialist salt bear to befriend such a man even to the extent of walking by his side? Indeed, might not Mr.

ing moment came when every-one began filing out for the long march to hear the Queen's



tiously showing his republican colours by remaining firmly seated as the others departed from the chamber, clobber Mr Prentice as he passed by? But the new boy's Tory colleagues showed themselves fully up to the situation. A solid phalanx surrounded him as he left the chamber covering any nervousness with a show of non-stop small talk with

THE TIMES DIARY/ PHS:

Guns—who is threatening whom?

Although the Queen's Speech (not surprisingly) made no mention of the Government's proposed frearms legislation, the start of the new Session is the time for action. I was absolutely astrounded in learn from WAGBI (the Wildfowlers' Association) that, on the besis of leuters received by them, it would seem that many MPs are simply not aware of the proposed legislation.

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John Anderton, the director of WAGBI, reminds me that it has become appearent that if MPs are no learn the facts then it is on to their sporting constituents to present them. Recently, in that excellent

So again I urge you write to we to your MP and demand that he looks to the interest of the shooting frateraity. The Government's pleading on thest of shotguns, robbesies and houseide is too special to be convergenced.

Hard times? Not for everyone

kitchen.

earlier than a few weeks before Christmas. Not that you will find any Christmas spirit, past present or yet to come, in

There was, however, much seasonable spirit (and fruit drinks, too) yesterday at the Dickets House in Doughty Street, close by this office. And giving space, and the family touch, to the occasion

Thanks to the television version of Hard Times, our annual Dickens wrote The Pickoick genutlection to Dickens has Dickens wrote The Pickoick Papers, its basement has been this year started somewhat converted into a rough approximation of the Dingley Dell bitchen

And now, the Wardles's country retreat at Clarishman time, immortalized by Phiz, has achieved yet another manifestation. This time, in the shape of silver and gold tankards and They are the only commemo-

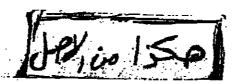
heads over a new vogue in jewelry—guillotine charms. The trinkets, selling from pavement stalls in Paris at three francs (five francs glided) are more popular even than ministure Effici Towers, and demand can

scarcely be satisfied.

De Guillocu's invention is perpetually popular in France. Public opinion has pressed it into service three times during the presidency, of Valery Giscard d'Estaing, though he is a declared opponent of critical care. a declared opponent of capital punishment.
The guillotine manufacturers

the blame to the specialists who monopolized reporting in purticular fields and worked no close to their sources. How did victims react to cartoons that saturated them? Mr Ingrams said they cometimes asked for the originals of the are imperturbed by accusations savage attacks, and had them

For a year, Cyril Lewis, a leading Hatton Garden jeweller, has been waiting for a wealthy Arab to make the next move in a £39,000 game of chess, but I fear Mr Lewis has already been mated. The Arab, impressively robed, ordered the 18-carat white and yellow gold figures, of classic islamic design, last year and to prove his bona fides he cash-porchased a £5,000 diamond brooch. Since then, nothing has been heard of him—of his £39,000—and Mr Lewis, who is chairman of Batton-Garden Jewellers, has been left with the gold Moarish swordsmen, imams, shaikhs and mosques in a safe deposit. Anyone for Islamic chess?





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THE CONFIDENCE FACTOR

The three constitutional Bills the price which the political will dominate the legislative preferences of Scotsmen are able business of Parliament this to exact for the continuation of ession. The other pieces of the United Kingdom as a har-legislation mentioned in the moniously functioning state Queen's Speech are of minor (and that what Scotland is given importure, will have to take their chance in the timerable, and can be deferred or dropped without much loss. 🔈 🍕 🖰

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"ALLEGE !"

Ministers are confident that they have the devolution Bills sewn up this time. The disjunction of Scotland and Wales, the promised referendums, Liberal support for a guillotine, some improvement in the details of the Bills, the Prime Minister's almost credible threat to hang the fate of his Government on the passage of the Scottish Bill, and mere weariness with the argument, should together afford the legislation an easier ride than it got last session. Progress on the European assembly Bill may not be so smooth and a simple plurality in single-member constituencies must be con-sidered, of the alternative voting systems offered, the more likely to find favour in the Commons. If so, the United Kingdom can hardly be ready for the adver-tised time of kick-off in May or June of next year. But it now appears that the country's good name in the Community would not suffer from that unpunctuality quite as much as was earlier

Differences about the soundness of these measures occur almost as much within the political parties as between them : and although they receive a wide measure of support they attract only specialized or localized enthusiasm. Most politicians feel less drawn towards them than propelled towards them. Propelled, in the case of the European elections Bill, by its being implicit in the backage which the United Kingdom bought on January 1, 1973; and in the case of the devolution

Wales must be offered, or some-thing like it); or alternatively, they are propelled by an even more urgent belief that nothing less than this grant of autonomy can save the Labour Party's bacon in Scotland at the next general election.

These three measures are indeed of great constitutional import and their passage will permanently affect, in ways which have been very little explored, the position of the Parliament at Westminster. The European elections Bill contains an implied displacement of democratic authority from Westminster to the new assembly, and it is not at all clear how the roles of home-based MPs and the occupants of the new mega-seats are to be conceived. as relating to each other in connexion with the policies and instruments flowing from Brussels. The devolution Bills import an asymmetry into the House of Commons, which will become quasi-federal in respect of Scotland and Wales and remain unitary in respect of England. Perhaps the British constitution's traditional indifference to schematism and logic will assist its adaptation to the new condition: but Parliament has not yet really inspected the consequences of that transformanon. There is much of a fundamental character still to be examined in these measures, guillotine permitting.

If legislation were all Parliament would be preoccupied throughout the next twelve months with the principles and niceties of constitutional reform in a not particularly partisan way. But legislation is very far from being all. Off-stage events Bills, by a belief, which may or will be attaching their own meanmay not be correct, that this is ing to that pregnant piece of

TUC-speak " an orderly return to free collective bargaining." If there was any doubt that this year's wage round will stay at the heart of political affairs it ought to have been removed by the immediate effect upon confidence of the miners' ballot. The effect has shown up first in the market for stocks and shares and the movement of sterling. It will not be confined to those sensitive exchanges. The attitude of the miners and what follows from it in their own industry and others impinge on political confidence, among ministers, in the Opposition, and in the electorate. The Government has been lifted out of the electoral mud in the space of nine months by a process resembling levitation. It could be dropped in again with a thud.

Among the elements in its recovery have been grounds for hope that the rate of inflation really is going to go on going down, slight mitigation of the tax regime skilfully presented to create the impression of more to come, a real transformation in the external financial position of the country, an aura of Baldwinesque solidity and sense diffused by the Prime Minister, and a wish to believe that the special Callaghan mixture of camaraderie, coercion and cumning can moderate the inordinate wage demands now associated with "free collective bargaining' without either provoking serious industrial unrest or rotting society by inflation. If events this winter rob people of the comfortable belief, little will remain of that political victure. The Liberals are more likely to break with the Government over wage inflation than over whatever does not happen about proportional representation. And apart from that, so serious a setback to his economic and political strategy might persuade the Prime Minister to run for an earlier dissolution of Parliament than he evidently contem-plates as the session opens.

MOSCOW SILENCES A WESTERN DISSIDENT

For their sixtieth anniversary odd to matter, and who have celebrations in Moscow the come through the struggle with Soviet leaders obviously want a China to find Peking's own interdisplay of confidence in their national communist following far own achievement, of assurance smaller and less significant than in the victorious character of their own, this was indeed warmtheir doctrine and, so far as the ing stuff. And there were many delegations from other communist parties can demonstrate seven minutes of time to render it, the obeisance that can still their homage to the capital of be given to Moscow as the centre living, international movement. Such reassurance is paricularly welcome to leaders whose memories and allegiance cuns far back to the early days when the flag of proletarian dictatorship was first hoisted. They know that this is the last important anniversary they will attend; they badly need the right kind of acclaim.

From some visitors they had this in full measure. Herr Herbert Mies of the West German party was ready to declare that their attitude to the Soviet Union was for every communist the touchstone, nothing would make his party change that view, neither right-wing opportunists nor Maoists. To men who contained the Yugoslav dissidence, who could dismiss Albania as too trifling and world communism.

Alas ! that the occasion could not pass without black clouds passing over the meeting. There was Signor Berlinguer from Italy quietly and pointedly to make the case for democracy as a source of power and for cooperation with non-communist parties. Reservations came also from the British party and that, too, met with a cool reception from the ranks of the presidium But it was Señor Santiago Carrillo from Spain, the most pungent spokesman for Eurocommunism, who was too much for the Soviet leaders. Having handed in a copy of his speech for translation on his arrival in Moscow on Wednesday he was told he would not be called, although, as he pointed out, leaders of tiny parties of no significance at all were

If anything could confirm the underlying loss of confidence in the leadership it would be this crude refusal of an expected courtesy to Senor Carrillo. He is a man who protests his faithfulness to communist ideals, who is no stranger to communist gatherings in Moscow—he attended the fiftieth anniversary celebrations in Leningrad in 1967-and has no point to argue that has not been argued already by the Italian party. Certainly Senor Carrillo believes that his view of the communist role is one appropriate to all communist parties in western Europe and no doubt he thinks that they will be the more successful when they all share it. But Mr Brezhnev clearly fears that it is in eastern Europe as well as western that the ruling parties will more and more come to favour Señor Carrillo's message. And so Señor Carrillo had to be silenced. It is the only way of dealing with critics known to Moscow. It exposes the weakness of the Soviet leaders on an occasion when they were anxious to conceal any such thing.

given their share at the rostrum.

HANDOUTS FOR HOME BUYERS

it is usually a good thing for the major parties to see housing issues in broadly the same way: sudden lurches of policy at each change of power do more harm than good in a market whose natural rhythms are so slow. But it is not so good if it means that parties vie with one another to catch the votes of those who do best out of the current system, or aspire to join their number. One measure outlined in the Queen's Speech yesterday comes dangerously close to falling into the second category. The Con-servatives have for some time favoured public assistance to those wishing to buy homes, but unable to stand on their own feet. A policy document last year suggested a pound contributed for every two pounds saved by some first-time buyers

towards their deposits. Such measures would be popular, and helpful too, at least in the short term. But there has been too much official action in the housing sphere that set out to help one category of householder, but turned out to cause new distortions in the wider pattern of housing provi-sion. Similar initiatives deserve to be treated warily. The general tendency of such policies (like the growth of indiscriminate subsidy to council tenants in the 1970s, and the earlier attempts to keep mortgage interest rates down) have had the effect of assisting those who are already satisfactorily boused at the expense of those who are not.

To some extent the new plan can claim to compensate for that tendency. The boom in house prices in the late 'sixties made it far more difficult for new buyers to enter the market; existing owners were able to afford the higher prices because their own houses had shared in the general appreciation. When house prices became steadier, inflation and high interest rates kept the initial cost of taking on a mortgage high (owners, again, found the real cost of

their repayments rapidly diminishing). These initial obstacles were especially frustrating to would-be purchasers who could confidently expect to increase

their earnings in a few years.

Since it is in general both popular and desirable that more people should own their own homes, it may seem an excellent move to give newcomers a leg up. But when the high rate of subsidy (almost impossible to withdraw once bestowed) is a serious problem in both public and private sectors, another subsidy may ease the symptom while making the disease worse. Assistance of the kind proposed must be carefully restricted it it is not simply to raise the price of the kind of house that new buyers look for. All the difficulties' mentioned have not prevented the proportion of owneroccupied houses from rising between 1971 and 1976 from 52 per cent to about 55 per cent — a rapid advance in the circumstances.

Security of Israel From Mr A. P. Warshaw

Sir, As a Zionist and Jew privileged to have lived in Israel for some years, I had the opportunity of making close friends with a number of Palestinians and like Mr Hammami (The Times, November 1) believe that peace and hence Israel's security will only be achieved when the Palestinians are given a state of their own on the West Bank and Gaza (with special arrangements being made to prevent the re-divi-sion of Jerusalem). However, can Mr Hammani assure me that such a state will forswear terrorism and all territorial ambitions in pre-1967 Israel, and be prepared to demonstrate this by agreeing to remain demilitarized? Yours sincerely. ANTHONY WARSHAW. 9 Hocroft Road, NW2

November 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

discomfort.

J. B. S. SWALLOW, Flat A.

4 Palace Court, W2.

From Mrs Sinclair Hood

November 1.

Yours faithfully,

RACHEL HOOD,

The Old Vicarage,

Great Milton,

November 2.

Oxford.

This would be cause for concern

This would be cause for concern if it happened by chance; where it happens by the deiberate choice of the electricity workers it can only be inexcusable. To me, men capable of such a decision are either

moronic or selfish to a degree

rendering them quite incapable of a responsible position. Yours faithfully,

Sir, I wonder if it is generally

sir, I wonder if it is generally known that some patients in the Oxford area were unable to receive radiotherapy for various cancers on one day this week because of voltage reductions in the electricity supply. There is a heavy burden of responsibility upon those who make the decision to work to rule. Yours faithfully

Charges against Mr Helms

From Lord George-Brown

Sir, The column you printed on Wednesday (November 2) from Patrick Brogan your Correspondent in Washington, on the question of Mr Richard Helms and the court proceedings against him, greatly disturbed me.

Mr Helms, both as Director of the CIA and more recently as US Ambassador to Iran, has had a career as a public servant of which both he and his country should be greatly proud. That it should have ended like this, is, I know, greatly distressing to him as it is to those of us who knew his work and greatly valued his friendship.

More important, perhaps, the whole matter of the harassment, hounding and final criminal prosecunonung and final criminal prosecu-tion of such a public servent is worthy of much more mature consideration than Senator Church in Mr Brogan's quotation, or indeed your Correspondent himself in his final paragraph, seem to have given the whiter

the subject.

Having carried for a short while my share of the political responsibility for this country's secret operations, I was always clear that if any question arose on them I or the Prime Minister would answer. The idea that one of my officers should be summoned and expected to "blow the gaff" on such necessarily highly political issues, would never have been accepted by me nor expected of them. They answered to and acted upon the decisions of their Political Ministers at all times.

If what the CIA did was held to

If what the CIA did was held to be wrong or needed investigation, those politically responsible should have answered. And then Mr Helms would never have been placed in a position of conflict. as he put it to the court. In my view, once he was so placed, he had little alternative but to do as he did—as any responsible Senator must have reclired. realized.

Sincerely GEORGE BROWN. House of Lords. November 2.

Unmarried women and the property laws From Mr Tom Kay

Sir. We are writing to express our Sir, We are writing to express our concern about the two recent decisions of B v B, The Times Law Reports, October 13, 1977, and Cantliff v Jenkins (October 24), which we consider have substantially undermined the intentions of the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1976 in denying an unmarried woman the ability to obtain an order that her cohabitee should leave the home that they have been living in, if the property is either in his sole name or in their joint names. A married woman in this position would be able to apply for an order.

for an order. We have substantial experience of dealing with a large number of cases of domestic violence and also work chosely with a women's aid to the Select Committee on violence in matriage in 1975 on the basis of our experience in this area of law. We have dealt with many cases involving unmarried women in this involving unmarried women in this position and are aware of the hard-ship that they suffer and the sense of injustice that they experience when they and their children are forced to move from a flat or house that they have regarded as their home while the man whose actions have put them in fear for their safety is entitled to remain.

We consider that the whole sense.

We consider that the whole area of property law as it affects unmarried women and their families is in a very unsatisfactory state. It is in a very unsatistactory state. It denies an unmarried woman, who often has the same responsibilities and difficulties as her married counterpart, virtually any means of level protection or redress for herself against her cohabitee and/or father of her children in spite of the fact that the relationship may have hern a lengthy one. have been a lengthy one.

We consider that the position of the unmarried battered woman is one particularly unfortunate sympone particularly undertunate sympo-tom of the general inadequacy of legal rights and protection afforded in this area of law. We sincerely hope that the two recent Pomestic Violence Act decisions will highlight the need for urgent reform of the whole area of law affecting the property rights of the townsr-ried woman, including the denial of protection to battered women whose home is not in their sole

name.
Yours faithfully, TOM KAY, Chairman. Management Committee, Camden Community Law Centre, 146 Kentrah Town Road, NW1. October 26.

Church on the move From Mr Gregory Macdonald

Sir, Cardinal Hume has returned from the fifth Roman synod-the subject of discussion was Christian education—to propound in The Times (October 29) a contemporary insight that the Church is best likened to the tent of a nomad Abraham. It is on the move, pitched at different spots as the search for God and his promises goes on. Every few years the pilgrim Church pauses in the synod to take stock of where it is going.

The inescapable meaning of this Old Testament imagery is that in the view of His Eminence the Roman Church no longer invokes the Pet-rine title-deed that it is built upon a rock: it is a tent of one night pitched upon shifting sands. The Church is no longer the infallible guardian of revelation, with divine authority to teach all nations. It is no longer a visible society with dis-tinctive marks by which men may know it, but a nomad people searching for landmarks in a desert.

This is indeed a fresh insight, a new perspective on nearly two thousand years of Christian history. Perhaps the difficulty will be to embody it in a scheme of religious education which also takes the New Testament into account and the unchanged belief of the Catholic faithful.

Yours, etc., GREGORY MACDONALD, 76 Copse Hill, Wimbledon, SW20. October 31.

Disruption of power supplies

From Professor G. P. G. Butler Sir, Unannounced power cuts are bound to cause damage, to people and to property. It is to be hoped that a tally is being kept—of the limbs broken, the cars smashed, the lives which might have lasted longer—and that, when the count has been completed, those responsible for the damage will acknow. sible for the damage will acknow-ledge their responsibility. Or per-haps, in the jargon of present day ruthlessness, they would prefer to "claim" it?

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY BUTLER, Bath, Avon. November 1.

From Mr J. B. S. Swallow Sir, I have just returned from the

hospital where my wife is recovering after an operation. During my visit there the hospital, along with the surrounding neighbourhood, was plonged into darkness when the electricity supply failed. The hospital has no back-up facilities and therefore the lives of facilities and therefore the lives of

any patients dependent on the pro-vision of electricity were immedi-

Religious education

From the Headmaster of Malvern College Sir, Few schoolmasters will be sur-

sir, rew schoolmasters will be sur-prised by the findings of the Church of England survey on religious education (The Times, October 13). Last winter I conducted a survey of religious opinion among 13 and 14-year-olds in about a dozen independent schools around the country. The results of this survey country. The results of this survey confirm some but not all of the Church of England's findings. In independent schools there was little evidence of the extreme boredom reported by the church but there was evidence that scepnicism about the truth of Bible stories went alongside extreme gullibility for science fiction religion. Erich von Daniken's Chariot of the Gods and similar books have made a great similar books have made a great impression on this age group. Boys and girls are happy to accept Elijah's departure in a charior of fire as evidence of early space travel

and see Jesus's ascension as just another blast off.

Although many adults have sensibly resolved the old conflict between science and Christianity it remains a live issue with 13-year-olds. Many of them feel this conflict in the teaching they receive in science" and in "scripture". One science and in "scripture". One boy in my survey wrote that he believed that "the world was created by science and not by God". One can only conclude that our teaching both of Christianity and of science are to blame. At 13 few boys science are to blame. At 13 few boys and girls appear to have any idea of the historical context in which the books of the Bible were written. They treat Genesis and the Gospels as if they expressed the same kind of truth. Despite the success of the new science courses, science is still taught with its old nineteenth-

century certitude. Twentieth-century science has reached the schools but twentieth-century scientific attitudes have not. Very few boys in my survey appreciated the uncertainty of science or gained from their courses that feeling of awe which should result from a study of the creation. Perhaps the new the creation. Perhaps the new material now being produced on "Science and Society" will correct

these errors.
Is it not time for a thorough reappraisal of our teaching of Christianity in schools?
Yours faithfully, MARTIN ROGERS, Malvern College, Malvern, Worcestershire.

From Mr Ivor Powell

Sir, Anyone trying to teach any sort of religion in a London comprehensive school does not require guidance so much as deserves the deep compassion of all of us.

I have taught RE. I can assure you that the only lessons meeting with appreciation are those dealing in the wilder aspects of the supernatural, daemonology, human sacrifice.

sacrance.

If the attention of the render aspirants to higher truth is not fixed, the teacher may expect (as happened regularly to a reverend

gentleman in West London) to have to flee the classroom in a hail of Bibles.
Does not this tell us something about the contemporary spiritual climate? More, perhaps, than the academic speculations of educators who remain lost in the rainbow mists of post-Rousseauesque opti-mism about the buman condition ! Yours truly.

IVOR POWELL, 256 Ben Jonson House, Barbican, EC2.

British-German links From Dr Max Adenauer and others

Sir. We are citizens of one of the countries which found least favour with the Think Tank in its review of overseas representation, so far as cultural relations are concerned. Since we live in the region of Cologne, where the British Council has its German headquarters, we hope that our views may help pre-vent a misjudgment being enacted.

Cultural relations are one of the most important instruments for that furtherance of understanding between peoples, which is the best guarantee of world peace. Britain and Germany, with two wars as their common heritage within living memory, have every reason to appreciate this. The fact that relations between our two countries are now so harmonious is due not only to political and economic bonds, but ilso to the interflow of knowledge in the sciences, the arts, scholarship. education and contemporary awareness, which it is the task of the British Council to promote. The English language is a vital asset to Britain: in the Federal Republic 80 per cent of the school children learn English. This produces an interest in British life, achievements and exports which is of inestimable

We have been able to observe the work of the British Council at firsthand over many years, and it is our conviction that it realises a

only highly creditable, but also of direct financial value to Britain. We, as friends of your country, would find it deplorable if the longterm benefits flowing from lively cultural and educational relations were to be sacrificed for the sake of short-term political assessments, arrived at from a standpoint of cur-rent self-belittlement. We see Britain's destiny as being greater than this, and we see her relations with Germany and other countries as crucial to it. Yours faithfully,

standard of excellence, which is not

MAX ADENAUER, Member of the Board of Directors of the Rhein. Westf. Bodencreditbank and former Town Clerk of MARTIN MRUCK, Director General of the (German)

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WILHELM UNGER, Chairman of the Cologne Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation and Cult. Editor of the Kölner Stadtanzeiger. MADY PREIFRAU v. SCHILLING, Secretary General and Member of

the Board of the Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft e. V. Cologne, Klarenbachstr. 152, 5000 Cologne.

Dealing with hijackers From Professor Bernard Smuthe

Sir, Without wishing to choose sides between Mr Dickens and Professor Laurence on the feasibility of devising a substance capable of ting to sleep" aircraft passengers and their would be hijackers, may I suggest that the debate is based upon a false premise, ie, that hi-jackers are safe when unconscious? While this may be true of a bijacker relying on a hand gun, it is not true if a handgrenade is used. If the hijacker removes the pin before revealing his intentions, it would be fatal to all concerned if anything caused him to relax his grip on the sprin loaded handle since his grip is all that prevents e grenade from exploding. Similarly, it is just as easy to construct an electric detonator in which the circuit is completed by a button being released rather than pressed. A further problem, not so far dis-cussed, is the difficulty of making an operational aircraft secure however effective the screening of its passengers at airport terminals. The opportunities available to eround staff to "plant" the impedimenta of hijacking are almost endless.
While the positive vetting of technicians may so some way to diminish this danger, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to apply similar safeguards to the more transient abour force used to service the aircrafts' catering and domestic requirements at airports around the

world. Since such workers have access to galleys and toilets which

are not inaccesible to the hijacker/

I have no desire to increase the fears of the travelling public but I think it is important to recognize

passenger, the risk is very great.

that technology offers few easy answers to this problem and prob-ably none which technology itself cannot overcome. If there is an answer, it would seem to me to lie in the sphere of international agreement and cooperation in dealing with hijackers after the event. Yours faithfully, BERNARD SMYTHE. 13 Ferens Close, The Sands. Durham City.

International terrorism From Mr M. D. Deas

Sir, Mr Gott and his friends (October 27) may well be right about the links and activities of Latin Ameri can terrorists in Europe, but the last two paragraphs of their letter gloss over a point of fundamental importance: it is impossible to exonerate left-wing terrorism from a share of the responsibility for the current political state of Argentina and Uruguay, nor to excuse very many journalists for presenting as politic ally and morally justifiable in "Latin America" actions that elsewhere they would recognize as unproductive and immoral. analogy with the anti-fascist resistance movements of the Second World War may appeal to "many people", whatever that may mean, but I suspect that the numbers increase with the distance from the scene. And there is a connexion between the romanticisation of Latin American terrorism, so widely practised in the sixties, and the opearance of terrorism in Europe. There was evidence for that on one of the terrorists' shirts. Yours faithfully, MALCOLM DEAS.

St Antony's College, Oxford.

Housing Turner's paintings ately at risk. Others, while not at risk, were placed in pain and

From Lord Bullock, FBA

Sir, "Damn the man-he is so various" as Gainsborough said of the first President of the Royal Academy. It must surely be a quality which goes with the office. It is fascinating to see the dexterity with which Sir Hugh Casson, commissioned by the Department of the Environment to report on Somester House as an ext gallery Somerset House as an art gallery, contrives to endorse his views in a letter to The Times of October 18 (about which he seems curiously bashful) and now, in another letter no The Times, this time wearing the hat of the President of the

the hat of the President of the Royal Academy, commends what he has said elsewhere.

The plain fact of the matter is that there is a difference of view between the Tate Trustees and Sir Hugh on what is an acceptable degree of risk for major works of art. Sir Hugh admits the risk but thinks it should be taken. His report for the Department of the Environment recommends Somerset Environment recommends Somerset House as an art gallery "provided the unavoidable fire risk of this building can be accepted (as I would recommend)".

building can be accepted (as I would recommend)."

The Trustees believe that the fire risk involved in Somerser House, above all on the top floor which is being canvassed as a gallery for the Turner oil paintings, is unacceptable, and Sir Hugh does Burlington House and the provincial galleries poor service in suggesting that they are all as open to objection.

It is certainly important that some appropriate use should be found for Somerset House. This is no reason, however, why some of the most fragile works of art should be put at risk. Indeed, various other suggestions for using Somerset House have been suggested; up to two years ago the rooms were firmly committed to the new Theatre Museum.

Mr Chitock, in his letter in your issue of November 2, asks what representations have been made about the dangers to the public at Somerset House. The Trustees of the Tare Gallery have no responsi-

Somerset House. The Trustees of the Tate Gallery have no responsibility for Somerset House, and its safety as a public building is a matter for the Department of the

Environment.

Apart from the question of risk there is the separate question of how Turner can best be shown. The same issue of *The Times* that printed Sir Hugh's letter also contained, in the course of a review of the Tate's current loan exhibition the apprint that far too much tion, the opinion that far too much of Turner is on view already. It is evident that informed opinion, both as expressed in your columns and elsewhere, may hold very different views, and that those of Sir Hugh and the Turner Society

sir Hugh and the Turner Society are only one of the pressures that have to be taken into account.

One of the more misleading points in Sir Hugh's letter can be answered directly. He states that a group of Turner water colours was on view at the Tate Gallery in 1928, when indeed the whole of the Turner Request was housed there. Turner Bequest was housed here. In fact, as those of us with shorter memories will recall, a room was devoted to Turner's water colours continuously up to 1975 (with the exception of the war years) and, despite the Tate's present restrictions on space, a new display will shortly be on view again.

Yours faithfully, se of us with shorte

ALAN BULLOCK, Chairman of the Trustees, The Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1. November 2.

From Mr Arthur Grosan Sir, Today's letter (November 1) from the President of the Royal Academy reminds me that that august body owns a collection of "diploma" pictures, painted by academicians, which used to be shown on the top floor of Burlington

Are these pictures so bad in quality or in condition that the Academy is ashamed for them to be seen? Might they not be just the thing for Somerset House, that is historically connected with the building, of relatively limited appeal so they won't draw unmanageable crowds, and of limited worth so that if they go up in smoke the loss won't be too great? Might the Academy also consider returning the chimney-piece by Wilton and the ceiling paintings, by Angelica Kauffman, I think, which were removed from Somerser House a century ago? Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR GROGAN. Standen, East Grinstead, Sussex.

Uffington White Horse

From Mr John Piper, CH, and others Sir, We understand that during the coming winter session Lord Kennet is to raise in the House of Lords the increasing problem of the Ridge-way as a whole. We would like to stress the singular beautu of the White Horse and emphasize that the preservation of its setting is essential to the endurance of this

beauty, quite apart from its archaeological significance. The Ridgeway may once have stretched from Devon to the Wash. is older than the Via Appia and its monuments encompass more civilizations. It is a document of the early history of England that cannot be moved to library, museum or gallery. The White Horse, half way along its course and inseparable from it is virile and inveless, and as indigenous yet international as the Celts themselves. Dare we hope that the ingenuity and good will of landowners and public authorities can between them preserve its sense of solitude without restricting reasonable access for an increasingly sympathetic public?

Yours faithfully, JOHN PIPER, HUGH CASSON. ESHER,

GEOFFREY JELLICOE. HENRY MOORE. BEN NICHOLSON, KENNETH ROBINSON. Fawley Bottom Farmhouse, near Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire,

From the Head Master of Dauntsey's School

Coeducational schools

Sir. As in the far-flung fringes of Surfolk, parliamentary legislation is taken pretty seriously in the depths of Wiltshire, and, like the head master of Framlingham College who, appropriately, was once on the staff here) I too, am the proud possessor of a Transitional Exemp-

However, the Equal Opportunities Commission does not have a monopoly of these apparently rare docu-ments, and HMC Direct Grant Schools such as Daumsey's on the road to coeducational independence have to apply to the Secretary of State at the Department of Educa-tion and Science. But it takes time. Since the school was to become coeducational in September 1976, an application for a Transitional Examption Order was made a fort-

night after the DES Joint Circular on the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 was published on January 20, 1976. What I rook to be a mystified silence ensued until April 6 when a short ensued until April o water and from the department informed me that "we are not able to reply the but we hope to be to your letter but we hope to able to do so soon". The girk duly arrived in September 1976 and we struggled on without the Transi-tional Exemption Order until it arrived on February 23, 1977—one year and 18 days after my original

application ! Perhaps other schools would like to stand up with Framlingham (and Daumtsey's) but they are still bent double in a pretty lengthy pipeline.

Yours faithfully. G. E. KING-REYNOLDS. Head Master, Druntsey's School West Lavington, near Devizes, Willshire,



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(Assistant Comptroller,
Lord Chamberlain's Office)
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(Genrieman Usber to
the Sword of State)

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(Town Coach with I'wo Bay
Horses)
Mr Charles Warner
Mr Edmund Crove

(Serjeants-at-Arms to The Queen Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewar

Wilson (Equerry in Waiting), with Mr John Ponsonby, Mr William Oswald, Mr Charles Loyd and Viscount Atthorp (Pages of Honour to The Queen) were in attendance at the Palace of West-

By Geraldine Norman

Prices vastly exceeded expectations yesterday at Christie's saleof paintings of the Middle East
by nineteenth-century European
artists. French dealers were
among the most lavish bidders,
with the Loadon trade hard on
their heels; Middle Easterners
themselves tended to be the underbidders, although they secured the

occasional prize.

"The guard of the seragiio, Egypt", a fine academic painting of 1876 by Jean Jules Acroine Leconte de Nouy, went to Berge, of Paris, at £32,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000). "A street scene at Jaffa" by Gustave Bauernfeind, signed and dated Munich, 1890, went to Newman at £22,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000).

Lesieutre, of Paris, paid

E15,000).
Lesieutre, of Paris, pald £17,500 (estimate £7,000 to £10,000) for "Outside the palace", by Ludwig Deutsch, and £15,500 (estimate £5,000 to £8,000) for "After prayer", also by Deutsch.
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Those were all outstandingly

decorative paintings in the genre; two much less arresting single-figure subjects made similar prices. John Singer Sargent's balf-length "Portrait of a Bedouin chief" was sold for £15,000 (esti-

HM Government
Mrs Judith Hart, Minister for
Overseas Development, was host
at a Inncheon held at Lancaster
House yesterday in honour of
Frau M. Schlei, Federal German
Minister for Economic Cooperation. Other guests included Dr
Horst Moltrecht, Herr HansJuergen Stryk, Herr Peter Zoller,
Herr Hans-Helmich Noebel, Dr
Mardo Graf von Matuschka, Sir
Bernard Braine, MP, and Mr
R. G. Hayward.

Dr P. A. I. Tahourdin, Deputy Director-general, British Council. was bost at a luncheon given at 10 Spring Gardens yesterday in honour of Professor Chin Fung Kee, chairman, National Institute for Scientific and Industrial Research, Malaysia.

Lady Mayoress
The Lady Mayoress was at home

at the Mansion House yesterday to the Court of Aldermen, Court of Common Council, church digni-

taries, the judiciary, civic organizations and masters and prime wardens of livery com-panies and their ladies.

Mr James Johnson, MP (deputy chairman) was host at a reception at the Rouses of Parliament yesterday given by the United Kingdom Branch of the Commonwealth Indicates and According to the Commonwealth and Common

doin stated of the commonwealth Parliamentary Association for High Commissioners and visiting Commonwealth members attending the state opening of Parliament.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 3: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh. went in State to the Palace of Westminster today to open the Session of Parliament.

Session of Parliament.

The Royal Procession was formed in the following order:
The Irish State Coach
(Four Grey Horses)
THE QUEEN

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH
Second Carriage
(State Landau with Two Grey Horses)
The Duchess of Grafton
(Mistress of the Robes)
The Duke of Northumberland
(Lord Steward)

(Mistress of the Robes)
The Duke of Northumberland
(Lord Steward)
The Duke of Beaufort
(Master of the Horse)
Third Carriage
(State Landau with Two Bay
Horses)
The Countess of Airlie
(Lady in Walting)
The Hon Mary Morrison
(Lady in Waiting)
Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma (Gold Stick in Waiting)
Fourth Carriage
(State Landau with Two Bay
Horses)
Admiral Sir John Bush (Resr-Admiral Sir John Bush (Resr-Admiral Sir John Bush (Resr-Admiral of the United Kingdom)
The Earl of Westmorland
(Lord in Waiting)
Licutenant-Colonel the Right Hon
Sir Martin Charteris (Private
Secretary to The Queen)
Major Sir Rennie Maudstay
(Keeper of the Privy Purse)
Fifth Carriage
(State Landau with Two Bay
Horses)
The Right Hon Walter Harrison,
MP (Treasurer of the Household)
Lieutenant Robert Guy, RN
(Equery in Waiting)
Mr Richard Davies (Assistant
Private Secretary to The Duke of
Edinburgh)
Sixth Carriage
(State Landau with Two Bay
Horses)
Colonel James Eyre (Silver Stick
In Waiting)

Honour to The Queen) were in attendance at the Palace of Westminster.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemenat-Arms, under the command of the Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe (Captain), was on daty in the Princes' Chamber.

Colonel Henry Clowes (Lieutenant), Brigadher the Hon Richard Hamilton-Russell (Standard Baerer), Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Clitton (Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant) and Lieutenant-Colonel John Chandos-Pole (Harbinger) were on duty with the Corps.

Her Majesty's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard, under the command of the Lord Strabolgi (Captain), was on duty in the House of Lords.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Hornang (Lieutenant), Colonel Rugh Brassey (Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant), Colonel Alan Pemberton (Ensign) and Captain Sir Charles McKrigor, Bt (Exon) were also on duty.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness returned to Buckingham Palace at 12.20 pm and were received by the Lord Maclean (Lord Chamberlain) and Mr James Hamilton, MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household).

The Queen, Captain-General, this afternoon received the Master Gunner (General Sir Harry Tuzo) and a representative party from the Royal Regiment of Artillery and accepted a Silver Jubilee Gift.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 3: Princess Alice KENSINGTON PALACE
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Duchess of Gioncester attended
the Scare Opening of Parliament
this morning.
The Duke of Gioncester opened
the Queen's Hall Day Centre and
visited the Arndale Shopping
Centre, Croyland Abbey, and The
Tithe Barn, Wellingborough, this
morning.

Colonel James Eyre (Silver Stick in Walding)
Colonel Murray de Klee (Field Officer in Brigade Waiting)
Motor Car
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller
(Crown Equerty)
Her Majesty, with His Royal
Highness, was conducted to her
Carriage by the Master of the
Horse and left the Palace at 11
o'clock, escorted by a Sovereign's
Escort of the Household Cavalry,
under the command of Major
Brian Lockhart, The Blues and
Royals.

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The Queen's Guard of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, with The Queen's Colour, the Band of the Scots Guards and the Corps of Drums of the Battalion, under the command of Major Michael Murton, was mounted in the Quadrangle of Buckingham Palace.

The route of the Procession was lined by troops of the Guards Division and The Royal Green Jackets.

A Guard of Honour of the Ist Battalion Grenadier Guards, with The Queen's Company Colour, the Royal Standard of the Regiment, the Band of the Irish Guards and the Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, under the command of Major James Scott-Clarke, was mounted at the Palace of Westminster. A dismounted party of non-commissioned officers and men of the Household Cavairy, under the command of Captain Christopher Boone, The Blues and Royals, was stationed at Victoria Tower, House of Lords.

A salue of 41 guns was fired

of Lords.

A salute of 41 guns was fired in Hyde Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, under the command of Major R. M. O. Webster, RHA, upon the arrival of Her Majesty at the

Memorial service

Mr N. C. Tapp, QC The Lord Chancellor was represented by Lord Justice Megaw at a memorial service for Mr Norman Tapp. QC. which was held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, yesterday, Cation Sydney Evans officiated, and among those present were:

Mrs Tapp (wittow), Simon, Charles and Jonathan Tapp (sons), Mr Charles Tapp (father), Mr and Mrs Anthony Tapp, Miss Judy Tapp.

Inflation hits **British Legion**

Inflation has forced the Royal Bratish Legion to postpone work worth £200,000, General Sir Charles Jones, the president, said yester-

The legion aims to raise £3.5m from this year's Poppy Appeal, £500.000 more than last year. It starts on Monday and Poppy Day is Saturday, November 12.

Birthdays today

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Dring, 75; Sir Authony Lousada, 70; Canon Roy McKay, 77; Major-General C. H. Norton, 79; Air Commandant Dame Anne Stephens, 65; the Dowager Lady Wakehurst, 78.

Middle Temple The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple: Mr L. Stuart Shields, QC; Mr B. A. Hytner, QC; and Mr C. H. Whitby, QC. The Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple have awarded the following Entrance exhibitions and bursaries : Blackstone Entrance Exhibitions majors Miss S. J. Hargreagos. Ouean Mary S. Lytham, and King's C. London: Miss S. J. Nelson, Haufield S. and King's C. London: Miss C. M.

station has helped to solve the

riddle of how birds learn to sing

riddle of how birds learn to sing their own songs rather than those of neighbouring species. It has been known for some time that birds reared in isolation sing abnormal songs and that, given equal exposure to the songs of different but related species, will choose to imitate that of their own. Dr Peter Marler and Dr Susan Peters have now found out which aspects of the song the birds identify as that of their own species.

Their investigations were on the songs of two species of American sparrow (Melospica), the song sparrow and the swang sparrow, which inhabit similar areas in New

York. Swamp sparrow song con-

Today's engagements

norming.

His Royal Highness was conertained to luncheon by the Mayor of Welkingborough, Councillor C. E. Robinson, in the Council Offices, Swanspool.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland

November 3: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present at the State Opening of Parliament this morning.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 3: Princess Alexandra
this afternoon opened Williams
Court, the fixflets of the Royal
British Legion Housting Association at Narberth, Dyfed.
Her Royal Highness later opened
the new Magistrates' Court at
Neath, West Glamorgan.
Princess Alexandra, who
travelled in an aircraft of The
Oveen's Flight, was attended by

the Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard

The ATN Officers' Dimier Club (18th Division 1914-1918) has reluctantly ceased to exist owing to the passage of time.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

The Duke of Gloucester opens Job centre, Fountain Street, Manchester, visits Royal Exchange Theatre and tours Trafford Park industrial estate, 11; as Colonel-in-Chief, attends Gloucester Regimental Dinner, Naval and Military Club, 7.50. The Duke of Kept attends luncheon with National Coal Board, Hobart House, Westminster, 12. Princess Alexandra opens Phoenix Mill of Wansbrough Paper Company, Watcher, Somerset, 11.30. The Lord Mayor of London attends London Flotilla's forfieth anniversary dinner, Law Society's Hall, 7.

St Stephen's, Walbrook, Chris-

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and Manchester Univ. S. J. Morner,

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Lord Jacob Memorial Exhibition:

P. M. Pelling. Bancroft's S and King's

C London.

Science report

Ethology: What birds learn to sing

sists of a slow trill of similar notes, whereas the song of the song sparrow consists of a series of quick notes ending with a trill.

of quick notes ending with a trill.

To find out how the awamp sparrow identifies its own species' song, Dr Marier and Dr Peters tape-recorded the songs of the two sparrows and then edited the tapes so that, while the individual notes on a given tape were either those of the swamp or those of the song sparrow, the rhythmic pattern and speed of the notes resembled that of the other species, or neither.

These expected the birds to

They expected the birds to initate the song that had a rhythm close to that of their own species' song. But they found that the birds imitated the song comaining the notes of their own

Home Office
The Secretary of State for Home
Affairs, Mr Meriyn Rees, with
Mrs Rees, was host at a dinner at
Lancaster House yesterday evening in honour of Signor Francesco
Cossiga, Minister of the Interior,
Inly. The Italian Ambassador and
Signora Ducci were among those
present Building Construction Forum

Building Construction Forum
The Vice-Chairman of the newly
formed Building Construction
Forum, Mr Ray Horner, last night
entertained the guest speaker, Dr
J. A. Pope, Vice-Chancellor of
Aston University, at dinner, at
the forum's inaugural meeting at
the Instinction of Civil Engineers.
Among the guests were:
Sir Kirby Laine, Sir Ronald Wates, Mr
J. W. Baster and Mr Garth Watson. st Stepnen's, Walbrook, Chris-topher Newton, organ, 12.30. Exhibition: James Hardie palmi-ings, Scottish Gallery, 26 Castle Street, Edinburgh, 10-5. Historic London pub walk: Dock-lands, meet Tower Hill station, 7.30.

Glasgow University Club
The annual dinner of the Glasgow
University Club, London, was held
at the Cumberland Hotel yesterday. Sir Andrew Bryan was in the
chair, and the other speakers
were Emeritus Professor Stanley
Alstead, Mr Imrie Brown and
Miss Grandison, president of the
ladies club.

Institute of Credit Management The Institute of Credit Manage-ment held their annual dinner at

pattern.
That leaves them with the ques-

That leaves them with the question of what kind of inform mechanism could be responsible for focusing the blads' attention immately on their own species' notes. The question may have broad implications. There is some evidence that human children pay more attention to the specch sounds of their species than to other kinds of sound. There may be more immate mechanisms at work in the development of human speech than is now recognized. By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Science, November 4

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Source: Science,
(198, 519; 1977).
Nature-Times News Service

25 years ago

From Our Own Correspondent

New York, Nov 3.—General Van Fleet, commander of the Eighth Army in Korea, stated at his headquarters today that the United Nations forces have complete control along the central front, the scene of heavy lighting for the ridges which were taken by alfied troops in their limited offendive recently. He said that in the Chorwon-Kumhwa-Kumsong area his forces hold all the ground they wished to occupy and would "comtinue to chew up all the Chinese they want to throw into the battle? Enemy casualties during October are estimated at Elgish Army headquarters at 36,285 of whom 22,935, an unusually high proportion, are believed to have been idiled. The Chinese forces, which are doing nost of the fighting, have not suffered comparable losses for a year. From Our Own Correspondent

Middle Eastern scenes sell well Sotheby Parke Bernet sold books relating to early science and technology from the library of the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia. The total at £178,629 was 75 per cent over the auctioneers" high estimate and only four lots were upsold.

A rainswept congregation at the rededication service for HMS Bristol at Portsmouth yesterday.

mate £800 to £1,200) to Schweizer of New York. "Guarding the barem", by Knighton Warren, went to Berge at the same price (estimate £1,000 to £1,500).

Most of the sale was devoted to a single collection formed in the 1950s, and that was where the high prices were concentrated.

the 1950s, and that was where the high prices were concentrated. The collection countibuted £325,106 to a sale total of £387,777, of which 4 per cent was unsold. Interest from the Middle East also commibuted the one unexpected high price in Sotheby's watercolour sale, which totalled £18,363 with 8 per cent unsold. "Afterglow on the Shellal road", by Augustus Osborne Lamplough, fetched £550 (estimate £40 to £560).

£60).
At Bonham's "selected Euro-

pean oil paiotings", mostly of the mneteenth century, generally run beyond estimate. An Austrian

rup beyond estimate. An Austrian mountain landscape by Friedrich Gauermann, dated 1835, was sold for £6,200 (estimate £4,000 to £7,000) to Neumeister; a "Kitchen interior" of 1868, by Charles Joseph Gripps, was sold for £5,800 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) to MacConnal Mason, and a "View in New Zealand with travellers", by Nicholas Cevalier, was sold for £4,000 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500) m Whitford.

Whitford. In New York on Wednesday

Guildheil last night. Mr Kenneth Cork, president, and Mr Michael Comor, chairman of the council, received the guests. The speakers were Mr David Huat. MP, and Major-General Sir Gerald Duke.

The annual dinner of the Iran Society was held at the Savoy Hotel last night. The Earl of Drogheda was the guest of honour and the other speakers were Lord Carrington, president, and the Iranian Ambassador, patron.

Muscovite Society
The Muscovite Society gave a
dinner at the Berkeley Hotel yesterday in honour of the Soviet
Union diamond jubilec celebrations. The guest of honour was
Mr V. M. Semenov, MinisterCounsellor at the Soviet Embassy.
Mr J. B. Scott, president, presided,
and other guests included Mr E. F.
Manakhov, Lord Erroll of Hale,
Lord Shackleton and Lord Macdonald of Gwaenysgor.

Paintmakers Association

Muscovite Society

H. P. Kraus took everyone by surprise by paying \$39,000 (estimate \$3,000 to \$3,500) or £20,951 for Galileo's Sidereus muncius, published in 1610. In it, Galileo announced the findings made with autounced the indings made with his recently discovered telescope. The top price in the sale was \$43,000 (estimate \$23,000) to \$23,000) or £23,118 for Copericus's De revolutionibus orbium coelestium of 1543, a first edition. A sale of dolls, toys and games Christie's South Kensington

at unitage's South Kensington prices. A bisque-headed automaton doll, a fashionable belle of about 1870 playing a guitar, went to Shrubsole at £1,150 (esdimate £400 to £500). A Christle's silver sale in New

York on Wednesday made £211.440, with 10 per cent unsold. A silver sale at Sotheby's Beigravia yesterday made £34,651, with 4 per cent unsold. At Christie's in London yesterday a furniture sale made £70,672, with

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. G. Quin and Miss D. B. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of the Right Rev the Lord Bishop of Down and Dromore and Mrs Quin, of Knockdene Park South, Beifast, and Diana, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Robinson, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. upon Tyne.

The Hon R. W. Jackson and Miss C. B. Peele
The engagement is announced herween Robert, son of Commander Sir Robert Jackson, and of Baroness Jackson of Lodsworth, of the Pound House, Lodsworth, Sussex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richardson Peele, of Grey House, Stownershire.

Mr A. J. Gomez da Costa and Miss D. H. Mohr The engagement is amnounced between Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs George Gomez da Costa, of Broadstairs, Kent, and Diana, danghter of Mr and Mrs Rudolph Mohr, of London, N2.

Mr J. A. M. Collins and Miss R. J. Clarke and Miss K. J. Clarke
The engagement is announced
between John, son of the late Mr
Gilbert N. Collins, and of Mrs
Collins, of Ipswich, and Rosemary
Jane, elder daughter of Mr and
Mrs Alan E. Clarke, of Frithsden
Copse, Berkhamsted, Hertford-Copse, Berkhamsted, H shire, and Bombay, India.

Mr J. B. M. Keeling and Miss D. E. P. Worsthorne

Mr P. M. Luck-Hille and Miss J. C. Kreitman

Mr E. J. Stott and Mrs C. R. Redpath The engagement is announced between Edward James, twin son of Mr and Mrs C. Kenneth Stott,

Tixall Lodge, Tixall, Staffordshire, and Caroline Ruth, younges daughter of the Rev Dr and Mrs Alan Respeth, Capernwray Hall, Carnforth, Lancashire.

Mr R. F. Young and Miss A. Williams

Paintmakers Association
The annual dinner and dance of
the Paintmakers Association of
Great Britain was held yesterday
at the Dorchester hotel. Mr Derek
Rughes, president, proposed the
health of the guests, to which the
guest of hotoon, Mr Michael
Shanks, Chairman of the National
Consumers Council, replied. Other
guests included: Mr W. P. Coombes
and Miss J. S. Davies
The engagement is announced
between Paul, eldest son of Mr
R. W. Coombes, of Wimbledon
and Mrs H. M. Coombes, of
Reigate, Surrey, and Jo. only
dengater of Mr C. P. Davies, of
Lytham St Annes, and Mrs
Margaret Davies, of Kingswood
Road, Tadworth, Surrey. The Presidents of the Associations of the Wallcovering Manufacturers, British Colour Makers. Oil and Colour Chemists. Paint Rosearch. British Decorators and Painting and Decorators and the Chairman of the Wallpaper. Paint and Wallcovering Retailers Association.

Royal Warrant Holders Association

Association
The annual dinner of the Royal
Warrant Holders Association took
place at Grosvenor Honse last
night, Mr R. E. Stevens, the
persident of the association, presided, and among other speakers
were Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon
Sir Martin Charteris and Mr Eric
Morecambe.

Thames Rowing Club

Thames Rowing Club
A dirmer was held on Wednesday,
November 2, at the Club House,
Putney, in honour of Mr R. W.
(Dick) Phelps, Queen's Waterman,
who was Boatman to Thames Rowing Club for more than 30 years
and three times Olympic Boatman,
on the occasion of his eightleth
birthday. Present were Mr Jack
Beresford, president, Sir Murray
Fox, Mr Peter Kricpatrick, chairman, and club members and
guests.

Eton dinner The Ven J. C. Chute J. C. Chure's house was held on Wednesday evening at Boodle's. The Marquess of Exeter was in the

Captain S. D. G. Vetch and Miss J. K. Ross The engagement is announced between Stewart, younger son of the late Mr Robin Vetch and Mrs J. M. H. Skinner, of Juani, Molo. Kenya, and June Kristina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. M. Ross, of Kenya. From The Times of Tuesday, Nov 4, 1952

and Miss A. Williams
The engagement is announced between Francis, younger son of Canon and Mrs C. E. Young, of 18 Coombe Lane West, Ringston upon thames, Surrey, and Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. E. Williams, of Upperways, St Mary's Road, Leatherhead, Surrey. **Marriages** Mr T. D. Holland-Martin and Miss C. M. Blackwell and Miss C. M. Bisckwell
The marriage took place on Wednesday, November 2, at St James's,
Piccadilly, between Mr Timodhy
David Holland-Martin, elder son
of Mr and Mrs Cyril HollandMartin, of Overbury, Tewkesbury,
Gloucesterstere, and Miss Caroline
Mary Blackwell, only daughter of
Mr Thomas F. Blackwell, of Langham Hall, Bury St Edmunds,
Suffolk, and Mrs Needle C.
Selway, of 15 Montagu Mews

Nuffield aid adapted to suit hard times

By a Staff Reporter The Nuffield Foundation to increase its sponsorship of medical and scientific research that would normally gain sup-port from the government research councils.

In its annual report for 1976, published today, the foundation announces a shift of policy away from its traditional support of basic medical and scientific accessed an aniography. tific research on pojects that fall outside the various research councils or have failed to gain finance" for reasons that could

not be justified.

The foundation says there is a danger that sinancial constraints will force scientists to abandon or fail to embark on research projects that would normally command support from public funds.

"If there should ever come a time when public budgets are

as generous as in the 1960s, that might be when the foundations would be more strongly tempted to concentrate its re tempted to concentrate its resources on a narrower range of
interests", the report adds.

The shortage of funds from
traditional sources, research
councils, the University Grams
Committee, and central and
local government had made the
modest sums which the foundation was able to contribute
more appreciated than ever.
Income for 1976 was £1.76m,
nearly a quarter more than in .

nearly a quarter more than in the previous year, when the foundation's shares in British Leyland were sold to the National Enterprise Board for 10p each. "Financially the 10p each. "Financially the foundation was not as seriously damaged by the NEB's purchase of the British Leyland shares and by events in the spock

market as that at one comments.

During the year grants and allocations for research and other projects totalled £1.16m, an increase of £200.000 over 1975. A committee of inquiry 1975. A committee of inquiry had been set up into the teaching of mathematics in schools sponsored by the foundation and discussions had been started with Chelsea College on establishment of a trust to assume responsibility for the foundation's interest in school events and mathematics. science and curricula.

London police chief chosen

Mr Peter Marshall, a deputy assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard, is to become Commissloner of the City of London
Police in January.

A Londoner, he is 47, and
joined the Metropolitan Police in
1950. He was responsible for
organizing the force's crime prevention service, security reviews
at 10 Downing Street, Parliament
and Buckingham Palace and then
took command of B Division.
In 1973 he took charge of the
community relations branch ar
Scotland Yard and three years
later became the director of information, his present job.

Mr Marshall was chosen for his
new post which carries a salary and Miss D. E. P. Worsthorne
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan Busill Mayorard,
son of Mr and Mrs Robert Keeling, of Hembury Knoll, Book
Heath Road, Woking, and Dominique Elizabeth Priscilla, daughter
of Mr and Mrs Peregrine Worsthorne, of 5 Kempson Road,
London, SW6. new post which carries a salary of nearly £15,000, by a meeting of the City's Court of Common Council sitting as a committee. and Miss J. C. Kreitman
The engagement is announced
between Peter Malcolm, son of
Mrs Pamela Tiggelers and the late
Cyril M. Luck-Hille, of Stanmore,
and Jül Carol, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs Hyman Kreitman, of
London, W2.

£100,000 winner The £1,00,000 prize in the November Premium Savings Bond draw, oer Fremin Savings John Jaw, announced yesterday, was won by 15ZP 542430. The winner lives in Preston. The £25,000 prize was won by 6VF 524717. The winner lives in West Midlands.

Latest wills Lady Baden-Powell

leaves £5,881 Olave Lady Baden-Powell, of Bramley, Survey, leader of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and widow of Lord Baden-Powell, left £5,881 net.
Miss Dorls Marianne Levy, of
Brighton, left £40,544 net. After
specific bequests she left the
residue to the RAF Benevolent

Fund. Other estates include (net, before tax; lax not disclosed): Sizer, Mr Zack, of Lakenheath £1.05,299 Stannard, Mrs Physics Rose, of Ware ... £105,591

South, London, W1. The Bishop of Worcester and the Rev William Baddeley officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Tilly Rugge-Price, Lorna Maxwell, Edward Rugge-Price and Rupert Broughton. The Earl of Seafield was best man.

Mr P. T. Meredith Hardy and Mrs V. M. A. Mundoch The marriage took piece on November 1 between Mr Patrick Talbot Meredith Hardy and Mrs-Venetic Mary Anne Mardoch.

OBITUARY DR GODFREY

DEWEY Simplification of spelling

A correspondent writes:

Dr Godrey Dewcy who has died in hospital in Lake Placid, was the son of Melville Dewey, the well remembered Commis-sioner of Education of the State of New York, the founder of the Lake Placid Club and the creator of the Dewey Decimal System of Library book classifications. Godfrey carried on bis work and ideals in all fields including his work for reform-ing English spelling.

His greatest contribution

ing English spelling.

His greatest contribution to English Education was his monumental Relativ (sic) Frequency of English Speech Sounds published by the Harry vard University in January, 1923.

The most scholarly as well as the most original of "word and of letter and sound lists it remains an astonishingly accurate and dependable predream of the recurrence of English sounds as spoken and as represented in print for nearly 90 per cent of the words

nearly 90 per cent of the words spoked or printed in continuous English.

A man of many parts, the inventor of a superbly reliable and easy to learn shorthand system on cursive hand-writing lines, the designer of the Olympic Ski Jump at Lake Placid and thereby the formulator of the principles of delator of the principles of de-signs which thereafter led to an honour from Le Fédération Internationale di Ski, and the solver, by appropriate design, of the problem of the open hearth to prevent its smoke entering the room, he was a friendly, charming and entertaining host and companion and a great

He had a rough time in the past few months but remained wave throughout.

A widower he leaves two exceptional daughters one of whom was an Olympic bol-sleigh member of the United States team in the Lake Placid Olympics.

MR SHANTI PRASAD JAIN

Mr Shanti Prasad Jain, who was a former chairman of was a former chairman of Bennett Coleman and Company, Limited, publishers of The Times of India, died of a heart attack in New Delhi has died at the age of 65.

A leading Indian industrialist, he was born at Najibabad in Uttar Pradesh, and was educated at Agra and Benares Universed.

coted at Agra and Benares Universities. He became chairman of Sahu Jain, Limited, Rohtas Industries, Limited, and several other companies. He was a former chairman of the Pederation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. A philanthropist, he estab-lished and financed educational

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and research institutions con-nected with Indian Literature and the Jain religion. For the past several years he had devoted himself to literary, cul-tural and educational pursuits. He leaves three sons and a daughter.

MR SYD FOX

Mr Syd Fox, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture in the University of Reading, an inter-

national authority on poultry science, died on October 25 at the age of 54.

A Cambridge graduate (St Catharine's College), he went to Reading in 1947 as demonstrators in agriculture was strator in agriculture, was appointed lecturer in 1949 and senior lecturer in 1964. He was highly regarded as a rutor by nigny regarded as a tutor by many generations of students. It was largely his work on the dietary and other needs of poultry which made the university's Lane End Farm world famous; he was also involved in similar work with dairy cattle and nige. and pigs.

in recent years his skill was in recent years as skill was in great demand by inter-national agencies and develop-ing countries. He spent two years and a half, returning in 1974, setting up a poultry re-search institute in Karachi, Pakistan, under FAO auspices.

LORD HOLLENDEN Mr John Hussey writes:

Mr John Hussey writes:

The textile trade will long remember Lord Hollenden with much affection and gratitude for the keen interest he took in its numerous organizations.

Through the link with I. & R. Morley Ltd, of which he was one-time chairman, he was a founder-member of the Council of the Wholesale Textile Association (now the Textile Distributors Association) and held office as its president for 36 years to 1961.

During that period, his out-

During that period, his outstanding contributions was made in the World War II years and in the immediate post-war era. The trade found in him a leader in those dark days and can look back with gratitude to the way which he protected and promoted its interests in innumerable nego-tiations with the then Board of rade and other Government Departments on so many aspects of war-time controls that continued a good while after the war had ended. Recognition of that unflagging leadership was marked on an unique occasion in 1948 when

the entire trade united to elect him First Freeman of the Textrie Trace. Those present included representatives of numerous trade charities which owed so much to his warm heart.

Francisco ("Baby") Pig-natari, the rich Brazilian industrialist, at one time a pronsnent figure in social life in carasin parts of the world, died in Seo Peulo on October 27. He was 59. The sour of Italian immigrants, he imben-ted a rolling mill from his father, and from that snar built up one of the beggest indus-tical groups in Regard. He was four tends meated.

Jex, in 1501

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Why the Argentine navy put a shot across the Soviet Union's bows

Only one seaman's leg was smashed, and later repaired by surgeons, when the Argentine navy so dramatically, shelled unarmed Soviet block trawlers in the South Atlantic last month. A

massacre of nearly 200 Bulgarian sailors was happily avoided. But, in the words of the iron duke. was a damn close run thing, and informed sources report that the navy has since been quietly ordered not to embark on such adventures without express approval from the army and

riorce. The luckless seaman was aboard a ulgarian trawler, the Ofelia when it seeived three direct hits from the estroyer Py in pre-dawn darkness on

Nestor Ivanov Tulev was patched up. board Argentina's only sircraft arrier, and a famously nationalistic emspaper here reported the surgical negation under the headline "Argenine blood for red sailor".

The loss of three Argentine perty ficers, however, when a navy launch apsized was headlined: "Sea entombs here heroes"

hr∘e hernes*

irgentina's first serious naval action ince the 1955 near-bombardment of a ocal city (during a revolt against leneral Juan Perón) can scarcely hide he gravity of shelling defenceless

he gravity of shelling defenceless rawlers in peacetime.

The action may prove costly. The coviet Union was Argentina's biggest rading customer last year, and a 27-man trade mission arrived in Moscow ven as Soviet ships were being threatened in the South Atlantic. The price argentina will have to pay remains the seen.

Between September 22 and October 1 is navy arrested seven Soviet and two Sulgarian trawlers allegedly poaching n its 200-mile maritime zone. Two rawlers surrendered quickly, five talted after warning salvoes, and two vere shelled trying to run for it.

Few navies, probably, would so applied in the trawlers and its open fire, even if the trawlers and its open repeated warning there and

midly open fire, even if the trawlers and ignals to halt. Since Argentina's navy considered efficient by Western allitary missions here, there is no eason to suspect that it precipitately esorted to gunfire after, being out-tanoeuvred by the Soviet skippers. One wonders, therefore, what would annen if another fishing fleet arrived if Patagonia guarded by Soviet cruisers o confront Argentina's secondhand airraft carrier, two cruisers, 10 des-

raft carrier, two cruisers, 10 de-royers, six minesweepers, four sub-sarines and 60 fleet aircraft. For Argentina does seem to have

trampled on the unwritten rules of fishery disputes. After all, during the protracted " cod war" Icelandic guaboats fired barely a shot against British

trawlers escorted by the Royal Navy. But the Argentine navy never stopped to cut the Soviet nets as it charged through the night issuing peremptory orders to half and opening up with

Even if defence of fabulous unexplotted fishing beds was at stake—and Patagonian waters could yield an estimated 3.5 million time annually worth \$500m the action appears impulsive.

Perhaps, after Argentian's years of

decline, the multary jump considered diplomatic and commercial considera-tions secondary to vigorous defence of

national sovereignty.

It was Admiral Emilio Massera, pavy It was Admiral Émilio Massera, navy commander and Junta member, who gave the order to sink the Bulgarian traviers if necessary, "because the defence of our sovereignty is at stake". Sensibly, the first salvoes halted the fleeting traviers with non-high-explosive shells, which simply punched five-inch holes in their sides. But the next high explosive shells were already in the Argentine guns, and a navy jet laden with missiles was revving up on the nearby aircraft carrier 425 De Mayo. Since the traviers Aurelsa. 3.500 tons.

Since the trawiers Aurelsa, 3,500 tons, and Ofelia, 2,500 tons, probably carried nearly 100 men each, it seems that a maritime massacre was narrowly averted. A howling Atlantic storm would have made rescuing survivors

extremely difficult.

Argentina's naval commanders are Argentina's navel commanders are not usually considered impulsive, so their present fighting mood may hold a message for other countries with pretensions in the South Atlantic. Of the two candidates, Chile seems the principal target following Britain's recent agreement to discuss Argentina's colors as the discuss Argentina's

claim to the disputed Falkland Islands. It may prove significant that the It may prove significant that the shelling occurred precisely as waves of Argentine marines backed by naval guns, submarines, helicopters and jets stammed on to a near by South Atlantic island in a major amphibious exercise. Perhaps the Soviet block trawlers were expressing undue interest in the exercise, but they may have just blundered into an Argentine task force hyped up to practise for a do-or-die mission.

For the navy is thought to be in-ceased with its Chilean counterpart over three disputed South Atlantic islands off Tierra del Fuego, and a potentially explosive controutation may



Admiral Emilio Massero: "sink the trawlers if necessary."

Since a British arbitration court last April awarded Chile three islands at the Atlantic end of the Beagle Channel off Tierra del Fuego. Chile has apparently been claiming, for the first time, the right to a 200-mile zone in Atlantic waters bitherto controlled by

Mutual protest notes have been fly-ing over alleged naval intrusions off the ing over sueged navas his useans un pro-tures islands, and Argentina may well refuse to accept the Chillean award. Probably to the navy's delight, powerful pressure groups here are urging such refusal on the government.

Argentina's bellicose naval actions and its preparations for amphibious

landings on South Atlantic islands thus acquire an obvious and ominous significance.

Though the Buenos Aires evening newspaper Cronica is often comical in its extreme nationalism, it may have spelled out the message to Chile this week. It quoted an Argentine marine as saying during the amphibious exercise that: "Strange things are happening these days. It seems there are people who think we are going to let them steal our territory. But we them steal our territory . . but we have discussions with our officers. We study a lot, and we know what we have to fight and die for."

Andrew Tarnowski

Why Israel's migrant Arabs distrust their hosts

wish State. This conclusion was reached by a 11-llan University team after a five ars study commissioned by an Israeli ficial body which may not be identical. Professor Yehuda Amir, a psytologist who led the study, said the ients received the report with some provise and disappointment. irprise and disappointment.

He said the finding challenged a basis pport for the naive assumption that ne will take its course and if only e Israelis and Arabs will live together, e Arabs after a time will come to tept the situation and change their fitude in a positive direction."

The psychologist said the finding ould not have surprised anyone takg into account the initially hostile titude of the Arabs towards Israel. I someone hates your guts, living th him will make it worse", he marked. "If a husband and wife can't ind each other, maybe separate bedoms will save the marriage."

Eur the reaction among responsible raelis concerned with Arab affairs fered. "The past ten years demonsted that Israelis and Arabs can live either", they said. "We never luded ourselves that the Arabs would me to love us."

Some 50,000 Arabs have been crossg the former armistice lines from the est Bank and the Gaza Strip to work Israel daily in construction, agricul-c, industry and services. The Bar-n study focused on approximately 00 workers in factories and garages a worked side by side with Israelis the same enterprise for a year or

The researchers did not question the abs directly in their places of playment for fear they would not candid opinions. They brought them small groups to the Bar-Ran campus ere specially trained Israeli Arabs

the picture showed Arab villagers custing Tsraeli workers installing ctric power lines in their village. comments were all negative. It's a Zionist company and they're cerned with Zionist interests", was 'pical remark

hold on the territory and their economic gain. "The Jews want to supply electricity so they can sell us refrigera-tors, TV sets and washing machines and charge us for the current", a worker

Low opinions of Israeli morality were elicited by a drawing showing Arabs coming upon Israeli families on the seashore. The bathers were modestly clad by modern western standards but

the Arabs expressed disgust.

"Look at those harlots", one said.

"Let's get out of here." Another remarked: "Bathing shamelessly with women without clothes! Allah will never forgive them. I'd slir the throat of any who would bathe like them."

Some of the younger Arabs were more tolerant. "They have their customs and we have ours", was typical of this group, while a few were self-critical. One comment was: "All over

the world people swim like that but the Arabs are primitive and reject it because of blind religious fanaticism." Professor Amir said the interaction the factories had on the whole reinforced Arab prejudices. They were more convinced than ever that the Israelis were expansionist and wanted to annex their territories. While they appreciated their pay and their treat-ment were better than in their homes, they felt the Israelis were motivated by their own interests and did not

deserve gratitude.

Yet the psychologist said the attitudes could be improved somewhat if foremen, shop stewards and others in lower managerial positions were properly

He said the strongest criticisms in the study came from workers in a plant where management, with good inten-tions but lack of sensitivity, called the workers by numbers. "There were so many Ahmads and Muhammads", it

was explained.

The Arabs who were somewhat more positively inclined came from plants where they were offered breaks to prov five times a day as required by Muslim law and were invited to company outings.

But Professor Amir says these extremes are not significant statistically.

Advertising the Soviet way

rabs from occupied territories. Many conceded the villages would applyed steadily in Israel factories benefit but they said the Israelis' proletarian propaganda provided by the advertisers are seeking country cottages were by no means warmed to the motives were to tighten their political mass media are being faced with a (dachas); the better off want dachas mass media are being faced with a growing barrage of advertising slogans and promotional exercises.

Although the advertisements appearing in the press are inserted mostly by factories, public bodies and institutions, the products they are marketing are neither aesthetically very beautiful nor spiritually uplifting, as desired by the code of conduct laid down by the founding fathers of communism.

They are promoting available goods and products and in a society still struggling to fulfil basic demands this is creating a qualitative change in the people's-and official's-attitude to

The pages of Pravda and Izvestia are still unsullied by invitations to chew gum, seen in the bad old days of Stalin as an exercise in criminally wasting the proletariat's muscular energy, but there are alternative forms for selling and buying and other commercial transactions.

The provincial press and the local radio stations have for some time now been allocating space to commercial announcements, and these radios also devote daily half-hour programmes to the availability of merchandise in the local department stores and vacancies in factories and offices.

For the private citizens hesitantly entering an incipient consumer society the Moscow evening newspaper Vechernaya Moskva provides a sales mart. It publishes an eight-page "advertising supplement" twice weekly costing 5 kopeks, and its "For Sale" and "Sought" columns are avidly read

by Muscovites. These advertising supplements offer an insight into the interests and problems of average Soviet citizens and the "Obo vsyom" (Everything) section is a true gold mine for students of the Soviet way of life.

An analysis of a recent number shows Moshe Brilliant that child-minders and nannies are in

(dachas); the better off want dachas with an orchard, the rest seem content in buying a share in or half of a dacha.

Collectors offer "good money' for tsarist coins which are apparently in great demand, and Mosfilm Studio wants urgently dinner jackets, top hats, fans, ladies' hats with feathers and 1930s clothing for a forthcoming film.

The interest in musical instruments is only surpassed by the demand for Western stereo equipment and Japanese motorcycles. Secondhand furniture and second-hand fridges feature in several columns showing that the growing demand for consumer goods cannot be met by Soviet industry as yet.

The "Barter" column is filled with offers from owners of smaller flats seeking more spacious abodes, but there are not many offered either for sale or for exchange.
In the "Tuition" column a lady

offers to teach you English "in a very short space of time" and a multi-lingual Muscovite offers tuition in Japanese, Polish and German.

What is conspicuously missing is the "Lonely Hearts" column. Neither the supplements nor the provincial press seem prepared to establish a marriage mart along Western lines, but an experiment in Literaturnaya Gazeta, the organ of the official writers' union, bas recently shown the tremendous interest in such a forum.

* Educated humanist aged 48 seeks

the acquaintance of young blonds interested in classical music", read one of the inserts in the weekly and elicited hundreds of replies.

"Tall Russian woman technical construction worker, aged 32, with a small child would like to meet a jovial, athletic man who does not drink alcohol", said another advertiser, indicating that not even the class-conscious workers consider advertising for a mate in a "Lonely Hearts" column a sure sign of bourgeois decadence. But then advertising is no longer a dirry word in Russia.

Gabriel Ronay

When a voice stays lost

152", says the man at the who sounds as if he has a ir from the stomach. This iral reticence means, how-, that the quiet spacess v of oesophageal speech is : known except to the fami-

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sible without a lerynx. Ossophageal speech relies on a flow of air from the stomach the function of the lips, tongue, and palate is unchanged. Sucswallow and regurgitate air and speed of the air flow, and this requires training and patience. The only limiting rocci.

Naturally enough, early new voice is volume: there is a strempts tend to sound unnatural and bizarre, and it is for that reason that hospitals versation can be difficult in crowded places. Occasionally children on a bus will make fun Whenever possible, however, ne important of the larynx is mild be admitted a day or so will find others with longer and surprised of the operation and surprised of the operation and surprised cancer, but some the carrishing to speech herapist who will teach him to speak again afterwards. The will try to arrange for him to speak again afterwards. The will try to arrange for him to speak again afterwards. The will try to arrange for him to speak again afterwards. The will try to arrange for him to speak again afterwards. The will try to arrange for him to speak again afterwards. The will try to arrange for him to speak again afterwards. The will try to arrange for him to speak again afterwards. The will try to arrange for him to speak again afterwards. The who have succeeded in learning the technique provides the total to an experienced larvn gettomy and laryngectomy and laryngectomy of his flat, almost robot tone, will find others with longer of this flat, almost robot tone, succession of the problems of oesophageal and and friendly.

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understand is a great boost to morale", says Mr Galton, "and it's very encouraging to meet the experts who had their operations many years ago and have perfected their speech." Two years after his own opera-tion at St George's Hospital, London, he is back at work in controlling the volume and serving in a shop, and he finds speed of the air flow, and this no difficulties in everyday life, requires training and patience. The only limiting factor on his

Guinness and tonic, opening has to be made in the had the operation, has mastered operative depression. "Just Britain mostly in men in their ", says the man at the skin of the throat, and the oesophageal speech, and is mixing with other people who 60s or 70s, but with a few patient breathes through this living proof that speech is posunderstand is a great boost to women and younger men affecwomen and younger men affec-ted. As with all cancers, the prospects for cure are best with early diagnosis, and very small tumours on the vocal cords can ps crited with near certaints pa radiotherapy alone. More often, however, by the time the cause of persistent hoarseness has been found to be laryngeal cancer there is no alternative to surgical treatment. At one time this radical operation left patients mute and depressed. Now, with oesophageal speech, they can look forward to a complete return to normal life. Further information on laryn-



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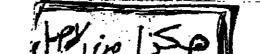
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Growing fears of industrial unrest drive share prices down for ninth day

For the ninth day running share prices fell back on the London stock market as big and dealers report that with the exception of "bargain hunton the prospect of a winter of ing" at the lower levels buyers in short dated stocks ran to of one size are extremely hard.

The FT ordinary share index lost another 6.2 to 479.8. It has dropped 45 points or another 6.2 t The FT ordinary share not lost another 6.2 to 479.8. It has dropped 45 points, or around 9 per cent, since Monday of last week, with almost half that decline coming since the news of the miners' vote against a productivity deal.

Sterling's sudden plunge hit men fear above all else a confrontation between the miners and the Government.

productivity deal.

Sterling's sudden plunge hit the government bond market, and though selling was not reported to be heavy it was enough to lower long-dated issues by as much as £2.75 at one stage. Some "cheap" buying late in the day lifted prices a little and by the close the average fall was about £2.00.

The county market is now in The equity market is now in the ambivalent position of attracting selling when sterling goes up or down. Many investors view the prospect of a strong pound with some trepidation since as they fear the impact on the major exporters seams a none-ton-promising

against a none-too-promising outlook for corporate profits in

Continued from page 1

some points, were critical of the Bank of England's policy. They felt that the authorizies

should have intervened when

there were no willing buyers of sterling and the rate was being driven down swiftly.

being driven down swiftly.

But the Bank and the Treasury said on Monday, when announcing the change in intervention policy, that they had become unable to preserve stability without jeopardizing official money targets. They are steadfastly refusing to give the market a hint of what new level they are prepared to see for the nound.

management of the rate by the

Bank policy criticized

Continued from page 1 like to see the pound's value New York market came in still back at the level of last spring,

more pounds were offloaded. which is well below even the Dealers, who reported almost bottom touched yesterday it is chaotic market conditions at unlikely that it will give much

as the pound drops

talk last night that many of the leading industrial shares are looking oversold and that today could see the start of a minor technical rally. What they are looking for is a period of consolidation in the new, lower trading range with 500 as the top limit on the index.

The anxiety on the labour front and the fall in sterling combined to unsettle the gilt market, too. After a steady opening prices began to lose ground and by mid-afternoon the rate of decline had accele-

unlikely that it will give much support to the rate at a higher

level.
The huge amount of money

which has come into Britain in the last few months, much of it in search of a quick profit, could easily flow our again if

holders of sterling decide that the pound has touched its peak

sawing of the pound this week.

The Government has managed to get the worst of all worlds, they believe

free float is very unsettling.

All those who deal in foreign

Since the government would

All those who deal in foreign

currencies, which includes most surplus should buoy the rate.

for the time being.

as much as £1.

Gold soars: The price of gold numped by \$3 an ounce in London to close at \$1641. This is the best closing price since June, 1975. The gold market has become

steadily more bullish in the past few months, linked to the weakness of the dollar and general exchange rate instablity. The good price obtained at the IMF auction on Wednes-day buoyed the market. In Washington the IMF said seven bidders were successful at the auction when 524,800 ounces were sold at an average price of \$161.86 an ounce. They were: Bank Leu of Zurich, Oresdoer Bank International of Luxembourg, Deutsche Bank and Dresdner Bank of Frank-furt, Samuel Montagu and Co of London, and the Swiss Bank Corporation and the Union Bank of Switzerland, both of

Financial Editor, page 21

Effective exchange rate

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into Britain while the rate was being held down has increased

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Barclays names non-executive chairman in division of roles at merchant bank offshoot

By Ronald Pullen Banking Correspondent

the group to be the new chair-man of the merchant banking offshoot.

Replacing Mr Charles Ball,

whose unexpected resignation was announced in the summer ostensibly because of differ-

ing policy, will be Mr Deryk Weyer.

Mr Weaver, who is 52, ar present has been with Barclays 36 years and is vice-chairman not only of the bank, with special responsibilities for finance and planning, but also of the merchant bank. He is to take over as non-recognize chairman over as non-executive chairman from November 30.

Barclays is looking for a managing director to assume responsibility for the day to day running of the merchant bank. Two or three merchant bankers have already been approached and expressed their willingness to join but "we did not think they were quite right." not think they were quite right for the job".

Banking Correspondent to split the functions of chair—had been "greatly over-Barclays Bank has decided to man and managing director, estimated" and that in any play safe by appointing a both of which roles Mr Ball case the deposit base of the clearing banker from within held, Mr Weyer explained that clearers gave them a huge held, Mr Weyer explained he did not believe in the advantage over the accepting advantage over the accepting superman concept and that houses.

In future, Barclays Merchant in future, and three on three were such that two heads were

of an ex-gratia payment to Mr Ball, Mr Weyer said that as Mr Ball had resigned volun-tarily "the question of payments does not arise.".
Although the final terms of Mr Ball's departure have yet to be finalized, Mr Weyer said that he did not expect there to be any difficulty in settling

Bank will concentrate on three better than one.

Mr Weyer also paid tribute to Mr Ball for the way he "has put the name of Barclays Merchaut Bank firmly on the man in the corporate advisory main areas—corporate advisory main areas—corporate advisor, medium-term lending and acceptance credits. To fill one of the gaps that has been indicated in evidence to the Wison Committee, Barclays also map in the corporate advisory witson Committee, Barclays also announced yesterday that it was akked about the possibility extending the period of mediumyears, although in the current lending climate there have so far been no takers for this facility.

Barclays is recruiting to

strengthen the corporate finance side of the merchant bank Results for the year to the end of September will be announced this.

Explaining the future philosophy of the merchant bank, he admitted that there were constraints on any such operation working within the clearing bank structure. But he of September will be announced shortly, and will show a one-third rise in pre-tax profits and a balance-sheet total of some £850m, thereby putting the Barclays operation into the top four merchant banks in the City.

Financial Editor, page 21



Mr Dervk Weyer: two heads

Simplified proposals on inflation accounting welcomed by CBI

A third attempt at producing

a workable system of accounting for inflation is made by the accountancy profession today. Publication by the Accounting Standards Committee, the pro-fession's rule-making body of "an interim recommendation"

on inflation accounting is in-tended to have produced a system which will be broadly acceptable to accountants, in-dustry, and Governments, and first indications are that it will be.

It is the first time that ASC bas produced an "interim recommendation". The simplicity and flexibility of its pro-posals, which have been worked our quickly by a committee under the chairmanship of Mr William Hyde, chief accountant of Oxford University, are a result of the controversy evoked by previous attempts to bring in a workable system of inflaion accounting.

The first provisional standard by ASC—using the current purchase power system—foundered under government disapproval. tion of the Sandilands' report proposal for a "gearing" produced by a committee under adjustment to take account of

Morpeth, which was published as an Exposure Draft for com-ment before being made into a standard—foundered through opposition within the profession and industry.

Mr Hyde's guidelines were an attempt to rescue something from the mess resulting from an Institute of Chartered Accountants vote in July against compulsory implementation of any system of current cost accounting.

The new recommendation by the ASC is that adjustments to historic figures produced in the Hyde document should be shown by all companies with a quotation on the Stock Exchange for accounting periods ending December 31, in a prominent separate state-

The council of the Stock Exchange has applauded the decision by ASC to issue an

decision by ASC to issue an interim recommendation.

A welcoming statement has been issued too by the Confederation of British Industry, but both bodies are cautious in their approach to the Hyde

the effect of inflation on debt

financing.

However, as the Stock Exchange recognized, the ASC recommendation itself acknowledges that there are substantial differences within the profession and industry about how to reflect "gearing" adjustments. The guidelines state:

"Companies are not discourged from following their own

aged from following their own methods, providing these are disclosed in a note to the state-

ment."

The CBI said that no controversy over "gearing" should be allowed to delay the implementation of the Hyde proposals, and the Stock Exchange said: "The Accounting Standards Committee have those a sessible approach to chosen a sensible approach to recommendation as a whole."
But the ten biggest United Kingdom accountancy firms bave already committed them-

Financial Editor, page 21 Details of report, page 22 Wholesale prices in US

rise sharply From Our United States

Economic Correspondent Washington, Nov 3

America suffered the sharpest monthly gain in whole-sale prices for six months in September, the Department of Labour announced today.

The announcement came just as Dr Charles Schultze, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers admirted in Technology. cil of Economic Advisers, admitted in a television inter-view that it was now most unlikely that the inflation rate would fall below 6 per cent in

The wholesale price index rose on a seasonally-adjusted basis by 0.8 per cent. In the previous month the index registered a 0.5 per cent advance, which was the sharpest gain seen since a 1.1

per cent rise in April.

Dr Schultze commented that It was going to be difficult to bring the inflation rate below

6 per cent. Some Administra-tion officials admit that rates of 6 per cent or more are most likely to prevail in 1979, too. They concede that it increasingly appears the Administration was unrealistic earlier this year in setting an inflation target for late 1979 of 4 per

The wholesale index has increased by 5.9 per cent over the last year to 196.3 (1967=100). The trend so far this year has been exceptionally erratic in line with the volatility of farm and processed food prices. For example, farm product prices registered a 2.4 per cent gain in September, after five months of substantial declines, which in turn followed con-

Transkei loan above the odds'

A 16m rand (about £10.6m) loan issue for Transkei, South Africa's independent Bantustan, has been arranged, but at rates considerably higher than normal semi-gilt levels.

one for 10 years at an all-in rate of 12.56 per cent, and the other five years at 12.17 per cent. This compares, for in-stance, with a recent Escom (Electricity Supply Commis-sion) issue at 11.8 per cent allin for 24-year stock.

A capital market expert said: "Transkei has to pay above the odds in the same way that South Africa has to pay a premium on the London

Central Merchant Bank has secured underwriting for the issue by a number of financial

Sun Alliance buys Rank properties

for £28m By Richard Allan

Rank Organisation is selling 11 British properties to the Sun Alliance insurance group for a total of £28m cash. The properties comprise nine

freehold and two long leasehold, all of which have been developed in the past 15 years and include the Barclaycard Centre in Northampton and the Parade shopping centre at Swindon.

Rank yesterday would say only that the sum involved represented an excess over book value, but outside estimates put the surplus at as much as £8m. policy of selectively running specific.

down a worldwide property port.

He said he approached the down a worldwide property portfolio, which had a book worth of just under £200m at the

indebtedness. Total borrowings amount to around £300m, with two thirds of this total overseas, and it is understood that the group is arming to cut back the foreign debts by as much as £100m to bring them more into line with assets in the United States and

Carada. The group is expected to make further headway in this respect through the sale of its Caradian cinema interests. The asking price for these is believed to be over £17m.

The United Kingdom transac-

tion follows an earlier acquisi-tion by Sun Alliance of a small block of shop units in Edin-burgh from Rank Organisation. The latest deal will bring Sun Alliance's property commit-ments for 1977 and 1978 to about £57m.

New chief at PO tells of plan to lift standards

Improvements in the perform-ance of the Post Office Corporasite of the rost of the colored were promised yesterday by Sir William Barlow, its new full-time chairman. He said he would lead an attack on declining standards with the help of a new board which is to include maleyand directors. employee directors.

Sir William, who has left his Sir William, who has left his higher-paid position as chairman of ballbearing manufacturers Ransome, Hoffman Pollard for the £23,350-a-year Post Office job, says he has been inundated with opinions.

He has told the 415,000 staff: He has told the 415,000 staft:
"Whether this is justified must
be matter of opinion, but what
is absolutely clear to me is that
if we could give a better service and go out of our way to
tell people that is what we are trying to do, the business pros-pects of the Post Office would improve to the mutual benefit of employees and customers alike."

He adds: "In this country these days there is widespread acceptance of mediocrity and declining standards of service. With the advantages possessed by the Post Office, coupled with management and enthusiasm, we should be able to reverse this trend and set an example by giving a better service to the public."

Yesterday, Sir William met the press and emphasized that all those he had so far met in the postal service and telecommunications enterprise had a general desire to give better service. The test would be in obtaining this and giving the public value for money. He recognized there had been

many improvements in recent years, such as in long distance telephone services. He was a professional manager and would help Post Office workers achieve the improvements they

vanted. Asked what improvements, Sir William replied that perhaps the Post Office could do better in the delivery of letters and on telephone faults. But it was The deal is in line with Rank's and opinions before being too

structure of the new board with interest and enthusiasm in spite latest balance sheet, mainly industry. (There are to be seven with a view to cutting back employee directors alongside seven management executives. two consumer directors and three non-executive independent

members.) As chairman, he would stress that fellow directors were in the boardroom with duties wider than pushing sectional interests.

Sir William describes the

Carter report on the Post Office, as "an interesting document" containing good suggestions as well as some impractical ones. He was in favour of the idea of splitting the containing to the containing t the corporation. It would introduce an element of competition between two prime methods of

communications.

But it would take some time to reach such a point—at best two and a half years

Maurice Corina

Shortfall of £1,000m expected in government spending for year

extent of this underspending could be not far short of 1,000m.

This is about the same order of magnitude as public authori-ties' expenditure fell short of planned targets under the new system of cash limits when these were imposed for the first time during the last financial year, which ended in March. But it remains unclear what But it remains unclear what proportion of the latest unplanned reduction in public spending falls within those areas—roughly two thirds—of expenditure covered by cash limits for 1977-78.

A second year of underspending by public authorities is bound to increase misgivings in Party about the appropriate-ness of cash limits as a means of controlling expenditure. There has already been much criticism about the inherent insensitivity in the way that cash limits operate.

What must cause particular concern is that the unplanned reduction in spending that is now expected this year will fall disproportionately heavily on public sector investment at a time when investment in the private sector is proving to be

referred some estimates. cumulating The reason for unplanned Treasury cryptically to the accumulating

do not show the scale of what is happening because figures for public expenditure on goods

purchased by the Government will, under the cash limits system, lead to a drop in the volume of such purchases.

and services were given at 1970 prices. When converted to current prices, it becomes clear that the Treasury has now revised down its estimates of spending

down its estimates of spending this year by an amount not much under £1,000m.

This is not much less than the deliberate cuts which caused such agony to Cabinet ministers last December when such action had to be taken at the behest of the International Monetary Fund in return for its multi-billion dollar loan to Britain.

Moreover, if inflation this year proves to be higher than the Treasury expected a few months ago, the real cut in the volume of government spending could be greater

This is because a rise in the cost of the goods and services purchased by the Government

Thus, in cash terms, public authorities underspent by about a £1,000m in 1976-77, while higher-than-expected inflation led to a fall of £3,500m in polymer terms according to

in volume terms, according to

57p to 500p 15p to 185p 7p to 65p 5p to 65p

Gold gained \$3 an ounce to \$164.375.

SDR-S was 1.15164 on Thursday,

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1,476.4 (previous 1,466.8).

while SDR-5 was 0.646341.

By Melvyn Westlake

Government spending in the current financial year will almost certainly fall significantly below the sevel planned as recently as last spring.

Present indications are that the clue to the underspending, but the same direction, and the clue to the underspending, but the same direction, and the clue to the underspending but the same direction, and the clue to the underspending but the same direction, and the clue to the underspending but the same direction, and the clue to the underspending in the cash of the company of the clue to the underspending in the clue to the underspending in the cuts taking place, even in cash terms, is that under the new system there is an inevitable tendency for civil servants and local councils to errors are in the same direction, instead of cauciling as the company of th instead of cancelling each other out, as sometimes happened before.

Critics of the Government's business, now have to take a ecision to let the rate go up—view of the right sterling rate

decision to let the rate go up—
including many members of the
including many members of the
CBI—now feel vindicated.

If the Government had hung
on a little longer there might
have been no need for the seetests the range. The large in-

MPs will have their first opportunity to examine civil servants about this and other matters relating to Mr Healey's latest measures on Monday when the general subcommittee of the Expenditure Committee holds its first meeting of the holds its first meeting of the new parliamentary session.

The subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Mr Michael English, Labour MP for Nottingham West, will be questioning senior Treasury civil servants. These seem likely to include Mr John Anson, the deputy secretary on the public services side, and Ms Patricia Brown, Under Secretary in charge of the general expenditure analysis group.

ture analysis group.

To assist it, the subcommittee will have a paper written by its economic adviser, Mr Terry Ward of the Department of Applied Economics, Cam-

bridge University.

As well as pressing for explanations about government underspending, MPs on the subcommittee will almost certainly be anxious to explore the Treasury's estimates of the likely employment effect of the Chancellor's measures and his decision to allow the pound to

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Carter aide reaffirms 'tight budget' aim

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Nov 3
Increases in public spending, possibly of less than 2 per cent will be included in the 1978/79 American budget which President Carter will answers in January nounce in January. The projected deficit will be smaller than the estimated \$60,000m (£33,000m) total for

the current year. Mr James McIntyre, acting director of the Office of Management and Budger, assured a business conference in Florida that the President was determined to hold down public spending growth and put for-ward a "tight budget". Presi-

from his goal of balancing the budget in 1981. Mr McIntyre also affirmed that the President was remaining firm about the need to hold federal spending to less than 21 per cent of gross national product. He had told every department of the Government and every agency "hold spend-ing down. Watch every penny". There have been indications recently that President Carter was drawing away from his balanced budget commitment and that the budget in January, likely to involve substantial tax-

cutting plans, might produce a record high deficit. Mr McIntyre, whose influence in the White House is considerable and who was Mr Carter's budget chief in the Georgia state government, of the planning on the forth-appears determined to continue coming budget has been com-Mr Bert Lance's battle against pleted.

further sharp increases in public spending.

To win approval from Congress for the sort of tight budget that Mr McIntyre described will demand about all the sort of the sort will demand, above all, a healthy rate of general economic development. He said the White House was confident

of the thoughts beginning to influence White House decisions on tax cuts. For instance, he opposed income and invest-ment tax rates of more than

producing increased income tax rates, which now averaged 13 per cent of earnings, compared to a historical average of 10

forcing all government sectors fully to review programmes. It would produce considerable

EEC will impose quotas if textile import talks fail

By Peter Hill Industrial Correspondent

An attempt was made by the market. Government yesterday to allay fears in Britain's textile and clothing industries that the European Commission was adopting a weak attitude in negotiations aimed at the limitation of textile and clothing imports into the Community from the beginning of next

According to an article in the latest issue of the Government's weekly journal. Trade and industry, the EEC will refuse to renew the existing Gatt Multi Fibre Arrangement next month unless the results of current bilateral talks with 28 low-cost textile exporting nations are satisfactory.
The United Kingdom Govern-

per cent.

If the negotiations prove un-satisfactory, the Commission plans to introduce unilateral arrangements for textile imports from the beginning of

iderably more comprehensive than is provided for under the provisions of the existing MFA in relation to particular products and to individual supplying countries.

Under the present MFA, the United Kingdom has secured quota arrangements covering

In the case of the most sensitive areas of imported products, which include cotton yarn, knitted shirts and jeans, the quota coverage is more than 90

15 years of growth Record pre-tax profits of £5.61 million

for the year to 30 June 1977 are reported by Mr. F. V. Waller, Chairman of by Mr. F. V. Waller, Chairman of Adwest Group. An increase on the previous year's figure has been achieved for the 15th year in succession. €4.22m 7/6 Following the one-for-six Rights Issue a dividend increase of 29 per cent is forecast

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Equities fell again. Gilt-edged securities were sold. Dottar premium 100.25 per cent (citecure rate 39.40 per cent). Sterling lost 2.35 cents to \$1.8100. The effective exchange rate index was at 63.4.

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ment has adopted a particularly tough attitude in representa-tions to the Commission after years of campaigning by the domestic textile industry for tougher curbs on imports which

the White House was confident about the economic outlook. Unemployment would continue declining, there was no sign of a worsening of the inflation trend, and "we see no sign of recession. We think the economic growth this year and in the next several years will be healthy."

Mr McIntyre outlined some of the thoughts heripning to dent Carter had not wavered

> 50 per cent. The Administration was con-cerned that inflation was

to 12 per cent.

For the first time the federal budget will be constructed through the use of zero-based budgeting techniques. Mr McIntyre said this process was

savings.
President Carter, it is believed, has decided against nominating a permanent successor to Mr Lance until most

siderable increases have relentlessly increased their share of the United Kingdom

next year. Under the terms of the Commission's negotiating mandate, quota coverage will be con-

about 75 per cent of textile and clothing imports from the main low cost sources.

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg, Nov 3

The issue is by two loans

More aid in pipeline for small businesses

By Our Financial Staff The Labour Government's new-found commitment to favouring small companies was reemphasized by the Queen, who said in her speech to the Commons vesterday that further measures to assist small firms were being considered.

In his Budget last week, the Chancellor announced a series of measures to alleviate the position of small businessmen. particularly in relation to capital transfer tax, which has been seen by many as a deterrent to growth. Mr Healey's package was worth some £100m in a full year.
Other matters actively being

considered by Mr Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lan-caster, who was charged by the Prime Minister in September

with investigating the problems confronting small businessmen, include further alterations to CTT and another extension of

closely studied since this is one considerable outrage among businessmen because of the degree of paperwork involved and it is alleged, the attitude

Mr Lever and Mr Bob Cryer, the Minister with special res-ponsibility for small firms, have impressed on the Government that in the current economic climate small businesses present perhaps the best opportunity of bringing down the level of un-

White Paper on industrial democracy still held up

By Our Industrial Editor

Given the divisions among trade unions as well as ministers, no one in industry was surprised yesterday to learn of delays in bringing forward a White Paper or legislation on the introduction of employeedirectors in companies.

Months of argument in Confederation rooms would need to command wider support than evident after publication of the Bullock Report, with its divided views on the form worker democracy

the Small Firms Employment Subsidy. Value-added tax is also being

of the areas that has caused of the Customs and Excise

Mr Kaufman: September hope

Battle over

redundancy

Negotiations are still taking

Officials at the Department

strongly against any compul-sory redundancy within the

In the discussions which

have taken place so far they

have preferred to talk about

a voluntary retirement scheme

rather than redundancy.
At the Treasury's insistence, the enabling Bill will refer to

a maximum severance payment

of £3,500, but this is regarded as a guide rather than a fixed

under the scheme, which has been modelled on that operated by the British Steel Corporation, are likely to be greater than the ceiling

that ways of tightening up administration of existing legis-

restrictive trade practices, possibly to bring in organizations which have not registered under

pressed its concern about the

level of concentration of owner-ship in British industry relative

to that in other countries. This

may be reflected in their scrutiny of existing legislation

concerning future large-scale

Government has ex-

the present system, may

have already been made.

place petween British Ship-builders and leaders of the

shipyard

the end of the year.

ndustry.

By Peter Hill

disclosure provisions under employment-law-related codes

Cabinet committee rooms, strong representations from the of British Industry, and pressure from Liberals made it inevitable that the Government should recognize the need for further consultations on the sensitive issue of industrial democracy. It has always been recog-nized that legislation to promote the introduction of em-ployee representatives in board-

should take.

different scheme to meet
The issue is certainly not recommended standards for
dead, even if time has now been participation.

bought in framing proposals for Parliament. Experiments are going ahead in the nationalized industries, notably the Post Office, while employers already face the implementation of new disclosure.

of practice.

The Treasury is believed to be examining Liberal ideas for profit sharing schemes, and no one can be quite sure whether general reform of company law will bring provisions relating

to employee rights.
Yesterday, the feeling in
Whitehall was that the Government will now come forward with a Green Paper setting out some of the post-Bullock options as a basis for its pro-mised further consultations with

the CBI and the TUC.
This might shift the emphasis of discussion up to now away from statutory provisions to give employees controversial rights, to the idea of permis-sible legislation that would encourage companies to come forward voluntarily with a

An examination of overlap-ping aspects both of the legis-lation and the bodies which administer it will be part of the review of competition policy

announced yesterday.
While the precise form of the

review has not yet been decided the new powers given to the Price Commission, headed by Mr Charles Williams, on

August 1 for example take it much closer to, and in some instances duplicates, the functions of the Monopolies Com-

mission.

The possibility of an eventual

merger between the two com-missions has already been dis-

cussed, and is likely to

Review of competition policy overlaps

Law on insider trading unlikely this session

By Christopher Wilkins Legislation covering stock market insider trading and company loans to directors is not now likely to be introduced in the present parliamentary

The Queen's Speech included a commitment to "amend company law", but the pressures on the parliamentary timetable suggest that there will only be scope for a limited Bill.

Proposed legislation will cover two main areas. The first is designed to implement the EEC's second directive on the differentiation of public and private companies. A consultative document on this subject was published in late July. The new law will require public companies to take on a new designation, for instance ICI (Public), and will also cover minimum capital requirements. Also under the legislation registrars will be allowed to harge fees to cover the costs of

confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions on the precise terms of the redundancy Bill. administration. These limited measures suggest that some of the key of Industry and government of Industry and government ministers are anxious that the negotiations should be completed as soon as possible so an enabling Bill can be introduced into the Commons before components contained in two earlier Green Papers and earlier Green Papers and answers to parliamentary ques-tions by Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, have at least temporarily been shelved. Included in these was the question of insider trading becoming a criminal offence Mr Kaufman, Minister of State for Industry, had previously expressed hopes that the terms of the agreement would be settled by the middle of September. The CSEU leaders, however, have spoken

tion of Fraud Act of 1958, aimed at toughening the legis-lation covering deposits paid by licensed securities dealers and cutting down exemptions Further proposals covering disclosure by companies, although not likely to be the

subject of legislation, may be introduced, however. The Government is expected to make use of a little known power under section 454 of the 1948 Companies Act allowing it to after the content of company reports. Only so far as changes in the directors' report are involved will legisla-

tion be required.

The July Green Paper, The Future of Company Reports, suggested that company reports should include: a value added statement; an employment statement; more comprehensive financial information, in-cluding a sources and uses of funds statement; short term borrowings; pension fund borrowings; pension fund obligations, leasing arrange-ments and foreign currency transactions; a detailed break down of a company's activities : and an international trade statement.

Proposals outlined earlier this week for a three-tier corporate disclosure system, per-mitting less disclosure by small companies, are likely to be dealt with in the legislation on

Compensation for Drax in electricity restructuring Bill

By Roger Vielvoye

Legislation enabling the Government to compensate the Central Electricity Generating Board for the early ordering of the second stage of the Drax coal-fired power station in Yorkshire will be included in the Bill to reorganize the elec-

rucity industry.

The Department of Energy and the generating board have and the generating board have already agreed in principle that compensation should be paid for bringing forward the £650m project by 18 months. The legisation will allow the CEGB to be recompensed for extra costs as they are incurred, up to a maximum of £50m.

under the general reorganization provisions of the Bill, the CEGB and the Electricity Council will be abolished and a new body likely to be called the Central Electricity Board, will take over responsibility for the industry as a whole the incustry as a whole.

The legislation will imple-

lation governing competition policy will be raised. Concrete proposals to strengthen some Government powers following a Monopolies Commission report ment the recommendations of the Plowden Committee of Inquiry into the industry which said that the present structure of an autonomous generating authority and 12 area supply boards left the Electricity Council in a relatively weak position, as it had no power to issue directions to the heads of the various constituent parts of the industry.

Mr Wedgwood Benn, the



Mr Wedgwood Beun: right to appoint regional heads.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When insurance is put in jeopardy

From Mr J. C. Edmondson Sir, I am astonished that no one from the insurance industry has commented on Mr N. V. Kay's letter published in Business News (October 24). His letter process. letter raises most important practical and philosophical points.

For example: (a) When judges sentence offenders are they also silently adding . . " and you will never again be able to insure against (b) If so, is it not incumbent

upon all insurers to advise their customers of all the offences

which will render their present. policies void?

(c) Has it not hitherto been assumed that the courts would protect citizens against the attempts of insurers to avoid liability where the latter sought m rely on specious questions asked years beforehand?

(d) As it is my experience

that insurers consistently seek to avoid liability ought they not to be required to employ the most explicit forms of proposal -copies of which ought to be provided for the insured's re-

(e) Is it not indicative of the

avoid liability that those docuinsured considers most vital (that is, the policy the renewa notice) rarely make mention of the jeopardy the insured may be in as a result of minocent omission?

(f) Finally-where does it al end? Is it really in the public interest for those who have ever in their lives broken the law to be denied insurance? J. C. EDMONDSON. The Garstons.

Great Bookham, Surrey.

Pension scheme funding and 'games of chance'

Administration

Sir, Ia his leaver published under the tide "Funded Public Sector Pension Schemes" (Business News, October 31) Mr K. G. Smith, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, says that, provided a real returnis realized on investment, it is oneaner long-term to meet pen-sion liabilities through funded schemes than via payas-you-go. He adds that the pressing need for a real rate of reman is now becoming universably recog-

nized.

In this imperfect world, however, recognition of need is no guarantee of its satisfaction.

A recent publication by Roger Kitson and Michael Pilch, entitled Pension Funds and the Economy (Noble Lowndes Division, Lowndes Lambert Group Limited) gives a habbe information about the valuable information about the effects of varying real rates of return on pension fund investments. The authors state that for a man of 35 at entry, who is to receive an inflation related pension at 65 on the basis of 1/60 of final earnings for each year of service, a constribution of 10 per cent of salary will sufface if a positive real rate of return of 3 per cent can be secured. A contribution of 43 per cent of salary will be required, however, if the rate of return is a negative one of 3

per cent.

It follows that if the employee couributes 5 per cent of salary, the employer's contribution will range from 5 per cent to 38 per cent of salary. In the least favourable satura-

From the Director-General of the Royal Institute of Public commission will be 71 times as Administration large as in the most favourable. Such a range of possibility is surely well beyond the toler-ances and margins for error within which the prudent busi-nessuren formally conducts his affaics.

That this is no idle theorizing may be seen from the experience of the Post Office, which is now paying pension contribu-tions of 23 per cent of salary in addition to the 7 per cent paid by the staff. The joint contribution in British Steel is currently 24 per cent of the pay roll. These rates are payable for at least the next 20-25 years, and it would be a bold man who would prophesy they will rise no further.

The employer who is com-mitted to a funded pension The employer who is committed to a funded pension scheme offering inflation related benefits with only a fixed rate of contribution from his employees is this gambling in a big way. He is putting his finances at the mercy of unpredictable and uncontrollable events in the world at large for an unismised period of time. That the Government should permit (or require) local authorities and the nationalized industries to hazard large sums of public money in such a game of chance when it has no need to do so is surely reprehensible

RAYMOND NOTTAGE. Director-General, Royal Institute of Public Administration,

Help for the small firm entrepreneur

From Mr G. A. Bowen Sir, I should like to take up an extremely important point made in Mr John Bolton's article of November 2 on small firms.

Young managers attracted to the concept of entrepreneurial activity in small manufacturing industry rarely have their own capital. As a result they cannot take over a profitable concern, or start from scratch in anything but an inefficient, oneman operation. The only alternative open to them is to find a loss-making opération and turn it round in exchange for the shares.

The capital required to do this cannot come from the banks because the 1:1 ratio of borrowing against capital and reserves is clearly not fulfilled. It can only come from family and friends prepared to back the individual. It is here that tax relief is needed, since at the moment tax relief is given if money is lent to a building society, but no incentive given to anyone to lend to small limited manufacturing companies who are struggling to turn a loss into a profit. Yours faithfully, GEORGE BOWEN

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Limit on gifts brought from overseas

status as other state industry boards will not lead to overcentralization. The new board will have a statutory duty to devolve a maximum anthority to operating units throughout England and Wales.

Mr Benn is also planning to retain the right to appoint heads of the regional units that will replace the 12 supply boards. Apart from the Drax 3 compensation provisions this is likely to be the only contro-

buy worthwhile presents and we may take out of the souvenirs without breaking the country, would it be possible limit, especially in a country to abandon controls except on such as Russia, with its artificertain dutiable goods such as cial exchange rate.

I wonder how long this limit has been applied? In recent gifts only to the value of £10, years inflation and the decline and that they might well be in the purchasing power of the required to pay duty on any pound have combined to make eits that transpressed that the limit nugatory. Could not ugatory. C hopes that giving the Central is likely to be the only contro-Electricity Board the same versial section of the Bill. They found it almost impos-more generous? As we are in October 28.

any case limited as to the sum drinks, electrical apparatus and similar major items? Yours faithfully, M. WOODGETT.

At the same time it is likely company mergers, Chrysler stewards will urge return to work by strikers at Linwood

By Edward Townsend

Proposals to end the damaging strike at Chrysler UK's Lin-wood car assembly plant in Scorland are to be put to a meeting today after intervention by ministers and top union officials.

The strikers, whose stoppage has closed the plant, halted pro-duction of the Avenger and new Sunbeam models and led to calls for support from other Scottish workers, are to be advised by shop stewards to return to work to allow detailed discussions with the company.

The apparent speed with which a solution has been agreed follows an urgent meeting on Wednesday night between Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, and Mr Greoville Hawley of the Transport and General of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and Mr Gavin Laird of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

ICL 'refusing

data access to

independents' By Kenneth Owen

Government - backed national Computers (ICL), Britain's largest indigenous computer company, is restrict-

yesterday.

iug access to technical informa-

tion by independent mainten-ance companies, it was alleged

Mr Max Eastwell, United

Kingdom divisional general manager of Data Processing Customer Engineering (DPCE).

said that the computer user had

the right to choose who main-tained his equipment. The

British Government, as the

largest computer user in the country, was "stifled and constricted" in its choice of services by the policy of ICL.

DPCE, an Australian com-

pany, moved into the United

Kingdom market just over a year ago when it gained the substantial maintenance contract for British Airways' large and mainly 1BM-based com-

"ICL refuses point blank to

provide to independent main-

tenance companies, or to customer who wish to use

third-party maintenance, the support services which should he provided", Mr Eastwell said.

They will not provide access to

diagnostics, spore parts of

puter complex.

technical support

concern that the state-backed car group might be disrupted for a long period was expressed to the two union officials, who travelled to Scotland yesterday for talks with the Linwood

Linwood has been closed for 16 days by the dispute, which arose after the suspension of four inspectors for refusing to move to another part of the factory. More than 7,000 workers are laid off.

In a statement last night Chrysler said that throughout the dispute it had emphasized the need for serious discussions on measures to improve output These would now take place and involve senior national union officials as well as representa-tives of management and the

Chrysler joint representative council.
British Leyland, still hit by a strike at its plant at Speke, Liverpool, has taken swift action

Evidence which appears to refute employers' claims that industrial tribunals are favour-ing workers in bringing for-

ward claims under new employment protection law has been

produced by the Department of

Mr Booth, Secretary of State

for Employment, is apparently concerned and surprised by the current wave of complaints about provisions against unfair dismissals.

dismissals.
Figures prepared by the Department show that in the 12 months up to the end of June there were 39,000 complaints of unfair dismissal. However, this did not result in the same number of tribunal hearings, as about 12,000 were served, satisfactorily by con-

settled satisfactorily by con-ciliation officers and almost

10,000 cases were simply with-

Out of the 17,000 cases, which went forward to a hear-

ing, about 11,500 were found in the employers' favour—approximately 67 per cent therefore produced decisions against employees complainties of profit displayers.

against employees cumpanishing of unfair dismissal.

However, employers, faced with a wave of unfair dismissal actions (there were only 5,000 in 1972 compared with an expected 50,000 in 1977), say the fact that so many cases are

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being won by employers begs by his reasons for doing so,

Employment.

drawn.

67pc of dismissal claims

favoured the employer

workers' ballot in favour of its wage-reform package Leyland management yesterday met national union officials in London and announced later that a meeting of the joint nego-tiating committee on pay bar-gaining was to take place next

been signed, Leyland plans to backdate parts of the package to November 1, The Speke strike has halted

Once the final agreement has

output of the TR7 sports car and Dolomite at Coventry. About 1,500 men stopped work five days ago over a manning A further 2,000 have been laid off at Leyland's Cowley factories because of a parts short-

age caused by a strike at Smiths Industries at Cricklewood.

Vauxhall said yesterday that the bulk of its 24,000 manual workers had responded to a company offer to return to work dentity a continuing strike by despite a continuing strike by

many employees are just rushing to tribunals to traduce

their ex-employers, who are obliged to prove they did not dismiss unfairly.

Mr Booth's answer is that the number of claims underlines the interpretation and the second s

the importance workers place

on their rights. Employers who

felt they spent undue time coping with this form of litiga-tion should be asked whether their policies left something to

be desired. Not all employees,

he says, are awkward customers, for there are awkward employers too.

The Department of Employment is now monitoring the

operation of the Employment Protection Act and has com-missioned research on its effects on the labour market. This week, Mr Booth begins a campaign to counter attacks on the new employment law. He

on the new employment law. He says "We have seen no hard

evidence so far to support the allegations that have been made

about the adverse effects of employment legislation in the

labour market.
Unfair dismissal procedure,
he argues, do not mean everyone had a job for life. "Of

course a worker can be dis-missed, but only if it is fair

and reasonable to do so. And anyone who takes such a deci-

sion must be propared to stand

In brief

W German jobless goes up to 4.2 pc

Registered unemployed in West Germany rose last month by 43.100 to 954,400. The total now stands at 4.2 per cent of

was no further cyclical deterior-ation, he commented when announcing the figures. There are now about 10,700 more people unemployed in West Germany than there was

Housing starts show third quarter advance

Construction of 28,400 houses and flats was started in Septem-ber, against 29,500 in the same month last year, according to figures published yesterday. Completions in September numbered 28,100, against 30,000 last year.

Overseas construction contracts total £1,700m

Overseas contracts worth f1,700m were won by British construction companies in the year ended March, 1977, according to provisional figures published yesterday by the Department of the Environment.

than the revised figure for 1975-76. Hitachi decision delay.

television suppliers.

the working population.

The increase, which followed a decline in September, was attributed to seasonal factors by Herr Josef Stingl, president of the Federal Labour Office in Nurembers

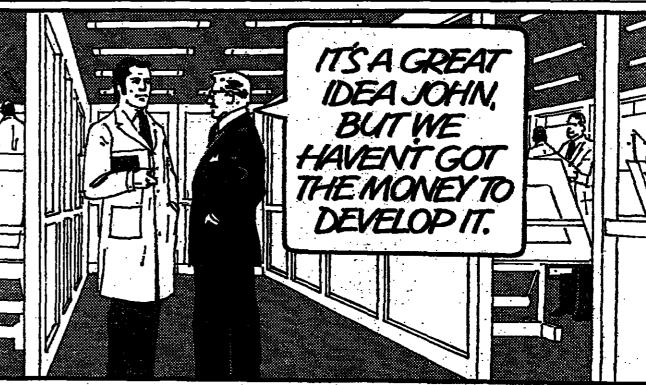
in Nuremberg.

"We are disappointed that the situation on the labour market is so poor, but we were pleasantly surprised that there

Taking three-month totals to reduce monthly fluctuations and discounting seasonal factors, starts in the third quarter of 1977 were 5 per cent up on the April to June period, but 17 per cent lower than in the third quarter of 1976.

This total was £383m higher

The Government's decision The Government's decision on plans by the Japanese Hitachi group to establish a television factory at Tyne and Wear has been delayed, Mr Alan Wiliams, Minister of State for Industry, said yesterday. Hitachi is being given more time for discussions with industry critics, who say the development could cost thousands of redundancies in British television suppliers.



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Parameters for sterling

The way the authorities let sterling fall below the \$1.80 level yesterday afternoon inevitably drew squeals of anguish from the foreign exchange market. That in itself does not automatically call for sympathy.

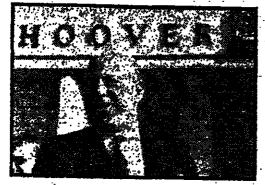
But there is a very real question as to what the authorities were up to. Were they merely showing that the parameters within which sterling is to be allowed to float are indeed extremely wide and, per-haps, extremely flexible too? Or was yes-terday's action, or inaction, no more than a move of expediency following the unexpected threat delivered to pay policy

by the miners' earlier in the week?

It is doubtless going to take the authorities a little more time to find their sea-legs in the floating game. But they are going to have to make some decision

hefore too long on the appropriate degree of volatility they should permit

That is not to say that the authorities, having set out to sea, should use the first ripple as an excuse for turning back towards the shore. But having allowed subwards the shore. But having allowed sub-stantial potential instability to build up in the gilt-edged market this year, they might well feel that they are rather less sea-worthy than they might otherwise have.



 Profits are still being ravaged by currency losses at Hoover so at the nine-month point, pre-tax profits of £8.6m do not compare well with the £12.4m achieved at this stage last year.

But a 35p fall in the share price yesterday to 360p seemed an unduly savage reaction and perhaps owed more to the susceptibility of Hoover to technical movements than to market pessimism.

Allowing for a currency swing of over 15m from profit to loss in the first nine months, underlying profits growth has been of the order of 18 per cent Hoover, whose chairman is Mr P. C.

Boon (above) has managed to keep prices moving ahead and despite heavy discount-

ing margins have actually crept up
Meanwhile, the group still seems able to
take greater market share even in the iterce washing machine arena and a pre-Christmas spending boost could push profits to over £15m for the full year. That would leave the shares, on p/e ratio of around 10 and with a likely yield of over looking relatively cheap chead of what is widely expected to be a good year for con-umer durable makers

Inflation accounting

A workable compromise

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Guidelines on inflation accounting produced by the Hyde Committee chief are clearly a compromise short-term solution. Possible areas of confrontation have been unashamedly ducked; dissenters on methods of calculating adjustments are easily accommodated.

At its most basic the Hyde system is little more than a plea to produce three main inflation accounting adjustments on depreciation, sales and the effect of debt financing, in a prominent place in accounts, by whatever method suits, providing the method is disclosed. At its best it is a simple and effective way of showing the effect of inflation on profits which in detail will please no-one, but everyone can accept. Its neauty is that it is workable.

The stridency of the voices calling for a

system of inflation accounting has fallen with inflation itself. The need for it remains. Stockbrokers Phillips & Drew calculate that after tax profits for 1977 will be reduced by between 35 per cent and 40 per cent by implementing Hyde compared with a 48 per cent reduction from implementing the Mor-peth Group's, exposure draft. The differ-ence is Hyde's recognition of benefits gained by the effects on inflation on debt financing. A system of inflation accounting that merchant banking as such.

HYDE IN PRACTICE

Estimate of the effects of the adjustments on industrial companies' historic cost profits for 1977.

Conventional pre-tax -profit Depreciation adjustment Cost of sales adjustment Adjustments from associates

Net adjustments Tax (no provision for deferred tax) 35 CCA after tax, profit

Plus "gearing" adjustment

Source: Phillips & Drew.

ignored gains from monetary liabilities had een increasingly regarded as inadequate. Hyde's system may not be perfect, but the guidelines are open to improvement. The important thing is that the step has been taken, and both the CBI and the Stock Exchange have gone along with it.

Few companies may be able to comply with the recommendation to produce accounts for 1977 adjusted the Hyde way. Most should be able to next year. The test of the guidelines and of a continuing requirement for inflation accounting will be how much attention the adjusted accounts command from financial commentators, unions and Government.

• ICPs offer of its 62.8 per cent stake in IMI (48 per cent paid) required investors to put up £32.7m by yesterday's close, and

to put up 132/m by yesterady's close, and they did just that. But only just. No one was aenying last night, least of all the issuing houses involved, Schroder Wagg and Warburgs, that this big offer has become a close run thing once the market turned sour after the sterling drama and

A couple of days ago underwriters were preparing the take up stock. In the end a yield of over 9 per cent at the offer price and heavy applications from among ICPs 550,000 shareholders, who got first preference, proved sufficient to save the day and probably did IMI's after-market a great deal of good in that the stags stayed away.

Barclays -

Merchant banking is for clearers

The appointment of a safe and solid clearing banker in the mould of Mr Deryk Weyer, presently vice-chairman of the Barclays group, to head up the merchant banking arm following the abrupt departure of the more flamboyant Mr Charles Ball will provide yet more ammunition to those in the City who argue that the inevitably cumbersome structure of the clearer can never really effectively handle the more freewheeling style of the merchants.

What it seems to imply for Barclays merchant bank is that it will henceforth take a much lower profile. Certainly Barclays was yesterday emphasizing that the mainstream banking side was far more profitable than the more publicized take-over business, and it would be in that area in which it would concentrate its activities. But it also seems fairly clear that Mr Weyer's appointment, even though in a non-executive capacity, has been made with an eye to avoiding the sort of disagreements

between the merchant banking arm and the rest of the group that led to Mr Ball's departure. So it looks as though Barclays will never allow its merchant banking side the same sort of freedom that Samuel Montagu appears to enjoy with its Midland

All the same, while conceding that the merchant bank suffers certain constraints from operating in a larger grouping—much the medium-term lending will continue to be done in the branches, the international side will keep onto the Eurocurrency business, investment management will be car-ried out inside the trust company— Barclays nevertheless feels that the ordinary corporate finance business, acceptance credits and the rest of the medium-term lending business provides it with a decent

Whether what Barclays is now doing should truly be termed merchant banking is another matter, however: The decision to pump more of its money into 10-year and more lending, funds that will not always be matched with deposits in maturity, also seems to take the group farther away from

Will Christmas redeem the retailers' year?

The modest amounts due to rickle into wage packets at the end of this month as a result of the change in tax allowances will bring an immediate relief to some retailers. In the longer term, an improvement in con-sumer affluence brought by a real rise in wages against lower inflarion cannot fail to benefit the industry generally. But it will take a long time to wipe out the accumulated trade lost over the past five years. For some traders, such as Meakers, Swears & Wells, John Temple and Civic, together with large numbers of branches shed

by multiples, including Interna-tional and the Co-op, any reprieve comes too late to avert closure. More subtle changes in shopping habits, in the balance between specialist and general trader and between large and small stores may also prove kreversible. typically runs at between 100 and 110 during the first nine months, then hits sharply from October to December to between 130 and 140.

Patricia Tisdall

Against expectations, 1977 has so far turned out to be a very bad year indeed. It started badly with the first quarter's index of volume sales at 105.2 the lowest for more than five

months, up to August (the latest date for which full Department of Trade figures are available) the improvement was so margined as to be imperceptible if averaged over the eight months.

March, April, May and June March, April, May and June were exceptionally poor, well below the average at between 103.1 and 104.4. There was a slight comparative recovery to 107 and 107.2 in July and August, but provisional figures for September, at 106.5 show that the decline has been re-sumed and retailer reports are that October has been no

The worrying aspect, taken

over the longer five-year period, is the acceleration in the rate of decrease. If compared with the equivalent period of 1973—the last good year—the average for the first eight months of 1977 shows a drop of over 4 per cent in the volume of goods sold by all types of retailer, whereas a comparison between 1976 and 1973 shows a decrease of only 2.4 per cent.

Even without the Chancellor's encouragement, the situation for 1977 could be changed if there were exceptional returns during the final three months of the year. For the Christmas quarter is of critical importance to all sections of the rerail trade, with the seasonal increase starting at the end of October and running steadily upwards to Christmas Eve. The non-seasonally-adjusted index of all retail sales volume

An abnormal uplift on top of the usual seasonal surge during this period could drag the annual figures out of their current trough, but is unlikely completely to compensate for the earlier months losses, let

cumulative decline.

Hardest hit this year as last have been the food shops. Volume of food sold this year at over 4 per cent below the 1976 level and 5.8 per cent below the 1973 total is significantly poorer than the results for other sections of retail trade. Equally, the value of food sold at less than 12 per cent up on 1976 is well below the inflation rate. cumulative decline.

compiled by the Ministry of Agriculture gives some clues to the movements within the various categories of food. From this and from food retailers' the main influence is price. Housewives have altered their

CHANGE IN VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES index numbers of sales per week seasonally adjusted

tiple food stores and the small.

unaffiliated independents. On some food products there may

now be a variation of as much

It is too soon yet to assess the

full consequences of a price gap of this magnitude, but prelimin-

of this magnitude, but prelimin-ary results are that more cus-tomers are traveling longer dis-cances and shopping less fre-quently in order to take advan-tage of the bigger stores' prices. Once firmly established, such a trend is not likely to be re-versed by a gradual return to

Another move accentuated by the slump in overall sales has

been the noticeable attempts by the big food stores to improve

efficiency. One obvious way has been to pare stock levels and to

In addition to improving bandling efficiency, the big food retailers have also drastically re-

duced the number of different products stocked. A return to

affluence could lead to an open-

ing for small specialist food

tracers to fill the gaps created by the multiples' economies.

up to 50 per cent.

Average of 1st 8 months 1977 105.2 Average of 1st 8 months 1973 110.0 % decrease over 5 years Source: Department of Trade.

buying patterns to match their straitened purses.

By June the move to cheaper foods and other economies in buying had become reflected in as 40 per cent in the price charged by different types of buying had become reflected in the National Food Survey. The most striking example is tea and instant coffee, where re-action against higher prices caused a big drop in purchases. Sales of coffee at 0.3302 per person per week is over 28 per cent down on the enviralent

cent down on the equivalent figure for 1976, and over 35 per cent down on 1975. Tea purchases, at 1.9802 per per-son per week, are down by about 10 per cent on the 1976 total.

purchases include a reduction in butter but an increase in in butter but an increase in margarine. There were decreases, compared with 1976, in comparative "luxuries" such as fresh fruit, canned fruit, canned fish and meat, but increases in offsals and home baking products, include flour and cooking fat.

The big food stores reacted to the decrease in their overall market by striving to become more price competitive. The downward trend in overall sales was a big factor in influencing

was a big factor in influencing Tesco's decision to abandon Green Shield stamps in June and to substitute keen price cutting to improve its share of

The effect of the resulting price war has been to widen the price gap between the big mul-

revealed by the 1971 Census of Distribution (some of the results of which are still being pub-lished) is the rise of specialist durable shopkeepers between 1961 and 1971. Contrary to widely-held beliefs, large num-bers of specialists dealing in a variety of goods, from fishing tackle to jewelry (which pos-sibly the multiples tended to find too specialized) did well

during that period. It is possible that this trend could be extended to food. Next to food the category to suffer most over the past five years has been the durable goods stockist whose volume of trade has dropped by 4.8 per

One of the unexpected trends

cent over the five-year period.

This is the sector which is most quickly responsive to general economic changes. Past experiences, notably the amazing "beat-the-Budget " boom in April 1975, has shown that sales respond steeply and immediately to tax changes or the threat of tax changes. But retailers here, as elsewhere, have been cutting back on stock levels and may not be able to satisfy a sharp increase in con-sumer demand.

Clothing and footwear sales overall have remained comparaoverall have remained compara-tively steady throughout the recession, with volume sales ending the five-year period only 2 per cent down. But within this category fairly satisfactory sales of footwear, children's and women's fashion clothing have disguised declines in men's and

been to pare stock levels and to speed up the distributive chain from manufacturer to shop floor. To this end all the big groups are seriously consider-ing the use of new electronic aids. The manufacturers of some of these claim to be able to reduce store stock levels by boys' wear.

An analysis of retail sales trends compiled by J. Walter Thompson suggests that foot-wear shops enjoyed a volume increase of 3.5 per cent in 1976 over the preceding year, but men's and boys' wear shops sales dropped by 4.5 per cent, while the third group maintained volume sales close to the 1975 level.

The trend, however, is a state of the level of the level

gradual one and is not likely to he quickly reversed.

Fresh light thrown on the laser beam's potential

For many years the laser appeared to be a solution looking for problems. More recently it has emerged into public view in a kaleidoscope of light-shows. Between the research laboratories and the problem of entertories and the world of enter-tainment, lasers have gradually become a powerful tool in indus-try, engineering, communica-tions, medicine, and in the police and defence services.

Many of these uses are now being shown at the laser exhibi-tion mounted by Laser Light Control at the Science Museum, London. And the use of lasers in manufacturing industry is de-tailed by Dr C. D. Desforges of Engelbard Industries (Europe) In the Design Council's

Engineering magazine.

Just as the mage of the sun can be focused through a lens to burn a piece of paper, the energy of a laser source can be focused in a sharp, nerrow beam that can burn its way through most engineering materials.

As the name laser implies (it

stands for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation), laser light is amplified or concentrated in a highly intense beam. It can be projected over long distances; it can be focused down to a pinpoint, so producing high power densities for a variety of uses in manufacturing industry. Low-power lasers can cut materials such as plastics, wood, paper, textiles and glass at very

high speeds. High-power carbon dioxide lasers can cut quartz tubing for electric lamps accurately and with smooth

Slot-cutting in plywood die boards for mounting the cutting and creasing knives in the production of cardboard boxes and cartons has proved a classic laser use, well-suited to numerical-control automation. Cloth can be laser-cut at investigating detective.

a minute, again giving a heat-sealed edge which will not fray. In more exotic materials, the time to cut a boron-epoxy com-posite has been reduced from eight hours to only four

" Pulsed " lasers in which the energy travels in brief pulses rather than a continuous beam give the higher energy densities that are needed for drilling. The products being drilled by lasers range from diamonds, which are used in die-drawing machinery, to rubber reats for babies' feeding bottles and poly-ethylene rubing for drip irrigation.

Other manufacturing pro-cesses for which lasers are proving suitable include weld-ing; shock hardening to im-prove the properties of metallic alloys; and surface hardening by heat treatment to give the best combinations of properties in a range of engineering components. engineering components.

In police work, the use of lasers ranges from laser sights on marksmen's rifles to advanced laser holography for investigating the scenes of

A low-power helium-neon laser mounted on a high-power rifle enables the weapon to be fired extremely accurately. In cases where hostages are being held, for example, this is a major advantage. The marks-man aligns the laser's red dot

man aligns the laser's red dot on the target; while the actual sight of the laser beam may well cause the criminal to surrender before a shot is fired. The magic of holography, which can produce realistic images which appear to be genuinely three-dimensional objects in space, can be combined with the power of laser illumination to give an uncanny amount of information to the investigating detective.



A high-power rifle fitted with a laser sight for deadly accuracy.

be undetectable with an ordin-ary camera, but a double-exposure hologram could show the barely perceptible changes as the carpet fibres move back into place. The Police Scientific Development Branch re-ports that 48-hour-old foot-prints have been revealed in old footprint can be "dated" to within one hour.

The same technique can be used to read and "date" the impressions left by writing on a pad of paper, even when many sheets are torn off; and to indicate whether or not a telephone has recently been

Lasers are unsurpassed for generating straight lines for alignments and measurements in surveying and construction work. As well as straightforward laser versions of the ubiquitous theodolite, an in-genious rotating helium-neon laser system has been de-veloped.

For construction work, the ror construction work, the rotating laser can be used to "draw" a thin, perfectly horizontal red line on walls (as the beam's red dot moves rapidly across). This can be used as a horizontal reference for widows, floor joists, ceilings, and so on.

Conventional lasers and their dead-straight lines are used also in runnelling, mining, pipe

also in runnening, muning, pipe-laying, trenching, fencing, steel erection, bridge-building and shipbuilding.

Range-finding is another natural use for lasers, in both civil-engineering and military

Footprints on a carpet might applications. Individual soldiers (including in particular eye undetectable with an ordin- can carry binocular-like laser surgery) indicate the wide y camera, but a double- rangefinders.

laser beams aimed by troops on the ground. Another aero-space development involves laser-based gyroscopes for the X-ray holograms. guidance and navigation of missiles and aircraft.

Among a bost of other specialist uses of lasers, communications and medicine

rangefinders.

Among military aircraft electronics are weapon-aiming systems which home in on targets which are marked by Museum; lasers as playing the exhibits at the Science Museum; lasers as playing hads for viseo discs are on the horizon; X-ray lasers in the furure will make possible true

> Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent



PILKINGTON LIMITED **BOMBAY**

Record Turnover and Profits

Results for the year to 31st March 1977

	1977 £'000	1976 £'000	
Turnover	5.633	4.037	
rading Profit	1,543	945	
Net Profit before Tax and after all charges	1,340	729	
arnings per Share	27·7p	18 [.] 9p	
Proposed Dividend per Share	11 [.] 8p	9·9p	
Sterling/Rupee Conversion Rate = 15:28/€			

The following points were made at the Annual General Meeting neld in Bombay on the 13th September 1977 by the Chairmar.

- The year had again been a successful one with record sales and profits in difficult circumstances.
- The benefits of high volumes of sales and production together with increases in factory efficiencies were reflected in the improved profits.
- Exports had doubled and progress here is expected to
- Under the Foreign Exchange Regulations Ant the Government had agreed that the Pilkington Group may continue to hold a majority shareholding in FGP in view of the sophisticated nature of the Company's technology and subject to a satisfactory export performance.
- The Company had indicated to the Government its intention to make application for the renewal of its licensing and technical agreements.
- A dividend of 18% (last year 15%) was declared.

Fibreglass Pirkington Limited is a subsidiary of the Pilkington Group with a substantial Indian institutional and public shareholding.

Business Diary: Whither the second Sir William?

sir William Barlow, who took over this week from Sir William Ryland as chairman of the Post Office Corporation, was "at home" to Business Diary in his new office yesterday.

Sir William, who is 53, comes to the PO—second only to British Leyland as the greatest Aunt Sally of British business life-from the comparative calm of the hallbearing makers Ran-tome, Hoffman Pollard.

He comes over as a quiet, confident diplomatic sort of hap (he has a reputation as a fast worker and decision taker, the sort who doesn't like to take ork home), and seems happy to take the blame as well as the praise if the PO service does not improve.

His visits to PU staff, he said, and convinced him that they wanted to improve services, and therefore his job was "10 help loyal staff raise standards that pleases customers, imraves Post Office confidence in itself, and profits will come from giving value for money.". Sir William allowed that the orporation could perhaps deliver letters more quickly and make telephoning smoother, but added that improvements

distance telephone service, for He, if anyone can, should be shie to get on well with his consoring ministry, the Department of Industry, since he has gived within Neddy and there-



Photograph by John Mansin The Post Office's Sir William vesterday: tower of

strength ? tore knows his way around

Similarly, he's also served on the CBI council, and should therefore be able to do something about the dissatisfaction which led his predecessor to withdraw the PO from member-

have my consideration, cer-He is as keen to window out complaints that are unjustified as he is to identify and act upon those that are fair—an enthusiasm he will have full

scope to indulge in coming There is a long queue of people wishing to bend his eur. among them members of the statutory Post Office Users' National Committee and business-inspired organizations such as the Telephone and the Mail Users' Associations.
But Sir William seems to be

off to a good start. Im Slater's row with the author Charles Raw over the latter's book Slater, Walker (Deutsch, £6.95) continues today as Slater pops up as

reviewer in the publishing

irade magazine Books & Book-

men. Although Slater des-

cribes Raw's account as

compliment-if that's the word —when Slater's apologia Return to Go (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £5.95) is reviewed in ship of the confederation.

"I like a lot of things the contour to Slater's review this footnote to Slater's review this recently", he said "While I don't know all the reasons for the Post Office's leaving it will be done by "C. Fordon Fether", thought to be a rejerence to another controduction oursial financial writer, C. the next issue. According to a Gordon Tether. No lightweight

Raw won't be returning the

The Washington DC real estate market is being rocked by two spectacular deals, one involving what is probably the most celebrated piece of private property in the world, and the other concerning one of the world's best known and rich-About \$49m has just been paid by American property in-

terests associated with the Continental Illinois Bank for half of the Watergate complex, including the office that was the scene of a certain burglary back in 1972. The seller is the Italian Società Immobilaire Generale, which has been troubled since. not long after Watergate, one

of its chief organizers-Michele Sindona—began to get into legal grouble over alleged frauds both in Italy and in the United States. A couple of miles away from American Vice President, Nelson Rockefeller, has sold his 25-acre estate in the heart of the city's most expensive residential area for about \$5.5m (£3.5m). Developers want to build 100 private houses at \$300,000 (£165,000) a time, a plan people

who live nearby are fighting. Either way, Rockefeller is even better off.

Two pieces of good news yesterday for Sir John Terry, who is managing director of the National Film Finance Corporation, which puts public and private money into British pro-

First was the Queen's Speech, whose scriptwriting Sir John could hardly but approve, since spoke of more public



poration's Sir John Terry : the more the merrier. inaccurate, horing and unigir, the Watergate the former

money for the corporation.

The second is the critical reception of Black Joy.

Anthony Simmons's film musical about West Indians Brixton, south London, which

opened at the Plaza last night.
The NFFC backed this film,
of which The Times' David
Robinson describes as "explosive with life and vigour and
optimism" and which the London Evening Standard's Alexander Walker says has "some of the saltiest, sexiest, funny dialogue Pve heard in years." just made for quotation on the posters, what?
Sir John told us last night

that he didn't know how much more cash was on the way but The more the merrier since there wasn't enough in the kitty to make any "signi-ficant contribution" to British film production between now

Lutest East European joke

James Callaghan, Jimmy Carter and Leonid Brezhnev are all at a meeting and each offers a cigarette. Inside Callaghan's case is the inscription: " Love to Jim from Len and the boys at the TUC." Inside Carter's: " From the people of America with love." Inside the Russian leader's is the inscription. "To Nicholas with all mp love. Alexandra.

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Accounting Standards Committee call for inflation adjustments

mittee asks for all listed com-panies to make adjustments to show the effects of inflation to the historic profit and loss account for periods ending December 3, 1977.

It is recommended that three adjustments should be made to the financial results as computed on the historical cost convention. Each adjustment should be shown

Separates.

DEPRECIATION: An adjustment should be made for the difference between depreciation based upon the current cost of fixed assets and the depreciation charged in computing the historical cost possible.

COST OF SALES: An adjustment should be made for the difference between the current cost of stock at the date of sale and the amount charged in computing the historical cost result.

GRARING: It is recognized that there are differing views on the question of how monetary items should be dealt with in inflation snoula be dear win in managerial and used statements, and that such differences are unlikely to be resolved quickly or without experiment. Nevertheless, it is considered that it would not be eceptable for the statement ecommended to be limited to distinctly for depreciation and Ost of sales.
Such limitation would result in

interim guide as to how this adjustment might be approached.

There are two different situations to be met, each of which calls for a different treatment:

(a) If the total liabilities of the business, including for this purpose preference share capital, exceed its total monetary assets, or that there of its purpose the state of the exceed its total monetary assets, so that part of its operating capability is effectively financed by the net monetary liabilities, an adjustment should be made to reflect the extent to which the depreciation and cost of sales adjustments do not need to be provided in full from the current revenues of the business in showrevenues of the business in showing the profit attributable to the shareholders.
(b) If the total monetary assets of the business exceed its total liabilities, an adjustment should be made to reflect the increase in

the net monetary assets needed to maintain its scale of operation. The form of each of these three adjustments is described below. Depreciation

Where the business has already where me business has already developed appropriate methods of computing current cost deprecia-tion it is recommended that such methods should be used for the purpose of computing the adjust-

Where other appropriate methods have not been developed Such limitation would result in an entroof and the charge for coen developed the charge for current cost depresent to shareholders and other users of accounts. Accordingly, the description of the gearing adjustment given below and the proposals which follow are intended as an depreciation charge should be

> Suggested format for statement A Limited (a company with net monetary fiebilities)
> CURRENT COST STATEMENT

for the year ended December 31, 1977 £,000 £,000 Profit before taxation and interest as in historical cost Less: Adjustments Depreciation Cost of Sales Operating profit Gearing adjustment Artiusted profit before taxation and extraordinary items Adjusted profit before extraordinary items

Adjusted retained profit Brief notes to this statement should disclose the method used to compute each adjustment and the indices employed. For companies with net monetary assets, the gearing adjustment should be replaced by the adjustment for net monetary assets.

Extraordinary items (net of taxation and minority interests)

Adjusted profit attributable to the shareholders

amodiits should revised in accordance with the change in appropriate indices between the year of purchase and the current year. The deprecia-tion adjustment is then the dif-ference between the revised current year depreciation charge and the historical cost depreciation For assets in the United King-

dom the index, or indices, used may be selected from the industry specific or asset specific indices published in the Central Statistical Office booklet Price index numbers for Current Cost Accounting. For assets in the Republic of Ire-land the index, or indices, used may be selected from those pub-lished by the Central Statistics: Office of the Republic of Ireland. For buildings the index of the cost of new construction may be need.

For assets located in countries, corresponding indices should be used where available. The Central Statistical Office booklet Current Cost Accounting — Culde to price indices for Overseas Countries may be helpful in indicating the indices available in indicating the indices available in certain overseas countries. If suitable specific indices for overseas assets cannot be obtained a general price index for the country concerned may be used.

The method used to compute the depreciation adjustment, and the indices employed, should be disclosed in a brief note to the statement.

Cost of sales

Where the business has already developed appropriate methods of computing the current cost of sales it is recommended that such methods should be used for the purpose of computing the adjustment. For example, where accounting information is available from standard costing systems, or from base stock or last in-first-out methods, it may be possible easily to compute the current cost of sales without resort to other methods.

Where a more appropriate method cannot be devised and implemented in the time evaluable it is recommended that, wherever possible, the cost of sales adjustment should be computed using the averaging method.

Using the averaging method.

Using the averaging method, the current cost of sales may be computed by revising the historical cost of opening and closing stock to the average current cost for the year by use of an appropriate index. The index, or indices, used for this calculation may be selected from the same sources as indicated above for depreciation.

Where progress payments are received from customers, the cost of sales adjustment should be computed on the amount of stock and work in progress after deduction of such payments. To avoid duplication, the progress payments duplication, the progress payments deducted from stock and work in progress should be excluded from the calculation.

The method used to compute the cost of sales adjustment, and the indices employed, should be



Mr William Hyde, who headed

disclosed in a brief note to the

It is acknowledged that some companies have already drawn up current cost statements including gesting adjustment calculated a method different from that by a method different from that described below, and that others may be planning to do so. Recognizing that circumstances will differ, such companies are not discoveraged from following their own methods providing these are disclosed in a note to the statement. The simple approach to the calculation of a gearing adjustment outlined below is recommended where the total liabilities of the

business, including preference share captual, exceed its total monetary assets, a calculation should be made of the proportion (a) the net balance of monetary

(a) the net balance of monetary liabilities, to (b) the net balance of monetary liabilities plus the equity share capital and reserves.

In computing the amount of reserves to be used in this calculation, the difference between the current values and historical cost amounts for fixed assets and, it material, for stocks, should be added to the reserves shown by the historical cost accounts.

An amount equal to this propor-

An amount equal to this propor-tion of the depreciation and cost of sales adjustments should be credited as a separate adjustment in the statement.

Where the total monetary assets of the business exceed its total liabilities, an adjustment should be calculated by applying to the net balance of monetary assets the percentage change in an appropriate index during the accounting year. This adjustment should be therefore as a senarate trans in the

charged as a separate item in the statement.

In order to relate these adjustments as closely as possible to the current year's results, averages from the opening and closing belance sheets of the accounting year should be used, totless an alternative averaging method is a ustdered necessary to give a faner view. For the first year for which this calculation is made, it should be based upon the closing belance sheet if an appropriate average position cannot be obtained without an undue amount of work.

The method used to compute the adjustment, and the index employed, should be disclosed in a brief note to the statement. charged as a separate item in the statement.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Well done Gievesinterim results show three-fold rise

Neither recession, nor squeeze on public spending seems to prevent the man-about town

from paying upwards of £200 for a suit in Savile Row.

The tailoring and outfitting division of the Gieves Group, which includes an outlet in the Row, boosted pre-tax profits to a bumper £137,000 in the six months to July 31 against

£53.000.

Helped by a bouyant tourist trade and a weak pound the shop at 1 Savile Row chipped in with around 40 per cent of this figure. Mr Michael Keeling, chairman, admits that sales to Middle East and European customers were useful. Taken as a whole, pre-tax profits of the group—it also prints The Guiness Book of

Records—soured to a record £654,000 in the period, from a depressed £206,000. Turnover rose by £3.5m to £15.1m.
The book manufacturing side is good in parts. The webb machine, which cost the group

many hard cover books out of the market. In the first half-year this division turned a deficit of £12,000 into a £119,000 profit and it is unlikely to ship back in the second six months.

Gieves is to spend a further £135,000 on the largest pre-tax profit earner, mechanical bindng systems. The motor dealers side, which made a pre-tax profit of

£116,000 on a turnover of over £8.6m, is causing concern with margins on petrol being trimmed almost out of existence. However, progress has been made towards better fran-chise arrangements which continue to support

margins.

With the former seasonal variations ironed out of performance, the chairman anticipates a year's profit of around £1.3m.

For shareholders there will be a recommendated and dividend

The book manufacturing side is good in parts. The webb machine, which cost the group around £400,000 has built up a strong order book. However, demand remains patchy in book printing. Costs are pricing

Maxlim suspended after 'insolvency' warning

Continuing trading losses and "the possibility of insolvency" impelled the board of Maxlim Fashions — formerly Maxlim Maternity Fashions to ask for the shares to be sus-

Mr A. D. Marks, who became chairman and managing direc-tor in October, 1975, resigned last June. The last results from the group covered the six months to October 31, 1976, and showed that pre-tax losses had risen from £32,000 to £40,000 despite a rise in turnover from £158,000 to £255,000.

The group has been in the The group has been in the red since 1974. It has never approached the profits of £71,000 for the year to November, 1966—the year it went public. For the record, the placing price was just over 20p for every 10p share. At one time in 1973 they were

FURNESS WITHY Co offering for sale to residents of Trinded and Tobago shares in sub Farness Trinded at T & T \$2.70. Value of offer for sale approx £500,000. JOHN MICHAEL

Briefly

January 29 board considers that

BURNS-ANDERSON Chairman told AGM that turn-over has increased by about 20 per cent in the first 3 months of present financial year. Also margins in some subs were improving.

WALTER LAWRENCE Co has bought for £1.4m cash light engineering group, Latham and Owen. Deal will increase group's interests in engineering and DIY market.

CELESTION-WOOD BASTOW Wood Bastow to make scrip issue of 3 for 1 so form of Celestion offer (value unchanged) now £23 cash for every 80 new ord in. Wood or 67 Celestion shares for 80 new Wood ord. WOOD HALL TRUST

Only three operations of Wood Hall, the Australian subsidiary of Wood Hall Trust, have stopped trading, not the entire offshoot as

A steady advance at **Bruxelles Lambert**

Lambert SA says that results for the six months to September 30 are in line with budget plans. These aim at a steady improve-ment in the bank's operating profits.

However, the bank did not state earnings figures, nor did it project profits for the year The bank said its balance sheet total at September 30 rose 11.8 per cent over September last year to 433 billion francs. The bank said that this rise reflected a gain to Fr237 billion (Fr212 billion) in customer

deposits, and an increase to Fr151 billion (Fr123 billion) in banking deposits. Credits granted to the private sector rose 9.2 per cent to Fr185 billion and public sector credits by 11.3 per cent to Fr128 billion.—Reuter.

Brinco hit

Brinco, 66 per cent owned by RTZ, reports a net loss of \$139,000 for the nine months to September 30, compared with net earnings of \$420,000 for the same months in 1976. This change was mainly as a result of a fall in short term interest rates. The group also speni about \$3.1m on the Labrador Uranium project during this period and working capital at the end of it was \$48.8m.

Dart Industries

Dart Industries of California, engaged in manufacturing and marketing consumer products, chemicals and plastics, reports a record third quarter and nine-month earnings per share for the period ended September 30. Mr Justin Dart, chairman, International

and Mr Thomas Mullaney, president, are confident that results will be comfortably ahead of the \$101.6m (about \$62.7m) in net earnings or \$4.14 per share earned in 1976. Net earnings for the third overver of 1977 were the third quarter of 1977 were 524.4m compared with \$21.8m in the third quarter of 1976. Sales totalled \$393m in the 1977 quarter compared with \$362m in the prior year period. For the first nine months of 1977, net earnings were \$81.5m on sales of \$1,100m. In the comparable 1976 period, net earnings were \$76.3m.

Sears and Woolworth

F. W. Woolworth had sales the month to Cataber 25 of \$415.9m, an increase of 8.4 per cent on a year earlier. Sears Roebuck reported that sales in the month ended Octo-ber 29 were \$1.6 billion, 18 per cent up on the year before.— AP-Dow Jones.

Jacques Borel Int

Paris.—Jacques Borel, the ailing restaurant and hotel International chain, is not yet out of the wood. The first half 1977 net loss was Fr94m against a Fr1m profit. Borel said that the figures are not comparable because certain provisions have been included in the 1977 loss. But it gave no details.

The group said that for 1977 as a whole it will show a loss, but next year the measures it has taken should have some

Business appointments

Barclays Merchant Bank promotes vice-chairman

Mr Deryk Weyer has been elected chairman of Barclays Merchant Bank in succession to Mr Charles Ball. Mr Weyer, who has been vice-chairman of Barclays Merchant Bank since March, will remain a vice-chairman of Barclays Bank and a director of Barclays Bank UK Management and Barclays Bank International

Mr I. M. Duncan has joined the board of Cavenham. Field Marshal Sir Geoffrey Baker is now with Consolidated Safeguards as a non-executive director. Sir Mark Milbank and Mr Eric Oliver have retired from the board.

Mr Ian McIotosh has been made director and manager of Craven Tasker (Woodville). Mr Len Smith becomes sales director of Craven Tasker (Andover).

Mr J. D. Costigan is now a director of Dunlop Engineering Group. Mr Richard Scotcher has been

Mr N. R. Godwin is the new

Mr N. R. Godwin is the new director and deputy managing director of The Royal Trust Company of Canada.

Sir Richard Meyjes is now chairman of Coates Brothers in succession to Mr John Coates, who has retired.

Mr Geoffrey Drain, general secretary, National and Local Government Officers' Association, has been made a member of the

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY **OF BROADCAST TRANSMITTERS**

SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT

The Government of Sierra Leone is inviting Tenders for the supply of TWO MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTERS as specified below:-

- (i) 2 x 10 KW Medium Wave Transmitters
- (ii) New Aerial Array System
- (iii) Electrical Installation/Accessories
- (iv) Rehabilitation of existing building
- Test Equipment (v)

2. Tenders for the supply of the above are limited to the following major electronics firms currently manufacturing, and are being solicited on the basis of international competitive bidding:-

- (i) Marconi, Chelmsford, England(ii) Rhode & Schwarz, Munich, West Germany
- (iii) Brown Boveri, Zurich, Switzerland
- (iv) Thomas-CSF, France
- (v) R.C.A., Jersey, England
- (vii) N.E.C. Tokyo, Japan S.P.A. Radionica.

3. Tender may be selected from the point of view of technical excellence of product, easy access to spares, technical maintenance guarantees; delivery period, installation and training terms, and cost of equipment.

4. Tender documents can be collected as from 21st October, 1977 either in person from:— The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting,

Freetown or by mail by writing to :--

(1) The Head of Chancery,

Sierra Leone High Commission, 33 Portland Place, London, W.1, The Head of Chancery.

Sierra Leone Embassy, 69 Avenue Franklin Roosevelt, Paris 75008,

The Sierra Leone Embassy, Ubierstrasse 83, Bad Godesberg, West

Embassy of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Via Paolo Frisi, 44, 00197 on payment of a deposit of L50 (fifty-leones) which will be refundable on receipt of a bona fide

tender. 5. Tenders should be sent to the addresses listed above in sealed envelopes marked TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF BROADCAST TRANSMITTERS before noon on Tuesday, 29th November, 1977. 6. The Government of Sierra Leone does not bind itself to accept the highest or lowest tenders.

> P. G. DEIGH, Permanent Secretary.

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COMPANY DITERDA DIVIDEND CLOSING OF STOCK TRANSFER SOOKS Notice is bereby given that all the REGISTERS of Oremany. Preference and Redecentable Preference Stock, except the 95 Redeemable Preference Stock 1980 and 8% Rodecmable Preference Stock 1982, will be CLOSED from 17th to 50th November 1977, both dates inchie

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made managing director of Ransomes Grass Machinery (Scotiand).

Mr David Barclay has become a director of Ian McCall Interna-

has been made a member of the National Economic Development Council

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Company Application No. 330 of 1977
In the High Court at Calcutta Original Jurisdiction In THE Mail 12th of the Companies Act, 1966 in the Matter of the Companies Act. 1946. And 1948, bereby gives that a IN THE MATTER of Sections 591. PETITION for the WINDING UP of 542 and 395 of the said Act the supersision of the High Couri of Justice was on the 1st day of Limited, a private company incorresponding to the Portsted in United Kingdom under

INANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

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Bryan Appleyard r cent and pre-tax profits by nost as much to £8.6m Kwik ve Discount Group now faces e problem of maintaining urgins in an atmosphere of ensifying . competition and

ing wage costs. This is precisely what the oup managed to do in the past ar by some well-judged buy-t of tea and coffee, a 28 per or growth in sales area and impressive ability to undert its competitors.

: But the cost was fam worth tea and coffee stocks at the ar end, now run down to 5m, and a turnsound from t bank balances of £1.25m to iet overdraft of £850,000. This, combined with the 25m needed for the new indon warehouse, justifed sterday's rwo-for-twenty-five

It can be seen as a small ce to pay for the kind of with commitment that Kwik ce has shown during the year. d a further 30 stores adding per cent to sales area this is suggests the drive is trioung unabated.

troung unapered.

Sur straighforward geophical growth may not be
pugh in the food retailing
tor. Kwik Save has specificv invested in small stores, ring at rock bottom prices

t is a policy that must olve a degree of risk if posable incomes are really :0. stores with a wider choice plenty of premium lines be expected to win the

owever, sales area growth management should push in film pre-tax this year. The res fell 160 to 2400 yester-to give an ex-rights price 238p where they are on a spective price earnings ratio

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(wik Save's UBM advances after 3 years of retreat

By Desmond Quigley
The profits decline over the
past three years at UBM, the
builders merchants group, appears to be over. There was a 43 per cent pre-tax profit increase from £1.11m to £1.59m extra overbeads. in the six mouths to the end

ordinary credits, sent attributable profits down slightly to CT OC

The profits were well short of best market expectations of around £2m, but the sign that the group's reorganization now appears to be paying off led to the shares rising by 11p to 681p vesterday.

An unchanged interim dividend of 2.7p a share gross has been declared. If the dividend for the year is unchanged the shares are yielding 9.2 per cent. And it should be maintained because the group seems to be on an upward tack, and cover should be usefully stronger than the 1.3 times of last year. The group managed its 43 per cent pre-tax profit increase on a 16 per cent rise in turnover to £93m, demonstrating

the way its operations have been pruned. Moreover it seems likely that UBM is highly geared to any upturn in the market and would be able to increase sales rapidly with few

Despite generally poor trad-ng conditions, UBM reports of August.

However, a near doubled tax that the merchanning division charge and a decline in extra-made a significant improve-ordinary credits, sent attribution. The prospects for the rest of the year look reasonably encouraging in this sector thanks to an increase in private

housing starts in Scotland and the North East.

Bowever, the group reports that the stimulus provided for the building industry in last week's Budget is unlikely to have any impact in the current financial year.

Financial year.

Progress was made at the Bradford merchaning company and UBM engineering, I and both are expected to be in profit by the end of the year.

In June, Equity Capital for Industry injected £2.7m into the group in a controversial move which gave ECI a near 11 per cent equity stake, roughly the same size as the stake already held by M & G.

Globe and Phoenix abandon their merger proposal

The boards have considered the merger plan in detail in the light of changed circumstances. For various reasons, in particu-lar change in the asset basis vinum benefit.

Vernous reasons, in particular change in the asser basis of the companies, they have reases should be held to 13 cent this year, though, even that level, a narrowing of rgins seems inevitable.

Lowever, sales area greatly and the merger proposals are abandoned.

The boards share the view expressed by the Shareholders Protection Committee, the Stock Exchange and others that crossholdings are undestrable.

They propose that Phoenix
Mining and Finance sell its
holding in Globe for cash which

The new boards of the Globe will also restore the formers and Phoenix Gold Mining, and the Phoenix Mining and Finance have decided to abandon the merger proposal between the Rhodesian assets, they will be offered to Phoenix Mining that the phoenix mining the p snareholding interest in the Rhodesian assets, they will be offered to Phoenix Mining shareholders other than to the Globe shareholding in Phoenix

Mining.

The price is 65p a share and will leave Phoenix with about £300,000 in cash and investments in addition to the World wide Group. The 42.7 per cent Globe shareholding in Phoenix will be kept for the time being. Globe will then make so offer for the outstanding shares in Phoevix Prince Gold Mining on the basis of one Globe and Phoenix for every 16 Phoenix Prince shares. The operating results of the Worldwide Group to date are slightly below forecast

Stock markets

Now gilts are sold heavily as pound wilts

ing nerrousness of the equity market against a background of growing industrial unrest.

Dealers reported an reasing reluctance by investors to undertake genuine investment buying and small offerings were enough to lower the FT Index another 10.8 by 3 pm. It closed 6.2 off at 479.8 as lace buyers came in but still recorded a ninth consecutive day of fails.

A sudden slump in sterling also depressed equities but made an even more dramatic impact on gilt-edged stocks which were lowered two and three-quarter points at one stage on heavy selling, much of it said to be from abroad. By the end, longer dates had radlied to losses of £2 while "shorts" shed £1 after being £1.50 down earlier in the ses-

sion.

For the first time in several days there was talk of a rally today in after-hours trading. With the index falling nearly 40 points over the last nine days

Down a further 2p to 55p yesterday, Croda International is well away from the 67p of September. Growth has sloved down temporarily and the shares have been punished along with the rest of the chemical sector now that the pound is rising instead of falling. But the market as a whole ing. But the market as a whole holds up, Croda may now have been pumished enough. Expo-sure to exports is a lot less than among other chemical shares, and the group seems on course for £17m in profits this year against £15.2m last time.

many dealers feel that the industrial leaders are looking overbought.

While they do not expect anything spectacular they would not be surprised to see the in-dex consolidate in a trading range with 495.0 as its top level. Among the industrial leaders ICI continued to be sold heavily losing another 7p to 368p, while big exporting names like Lucas 8p to 296p, Metal Box 6p to

Some late bargain hunting 306p and Glaxo 8p to 595p also reason for the reaction was the spots were to be found in Land But Wight Construction was could not disguise the continue had a hard time. Recently the size of the accompanying divilast named was as high as 665p on hopes of a dividend boosting

> Against the background of better news on the industrial front BOC held firm at 72 p while the lists for the IMI shares formerly held by ICI were oversubscribed, ga going

> Another big name in the limelight was Hoover which dipped no less than 35p to 360p, after profits which were well below market expectations. Reed Group continued to react to this week's statement, shedding another 6p to 140p, while both Rank 4p to 238p and Sun Alliance 20p to 575p lost ground after news of a property deal.
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> Another result awaited with

interest was that from Kwik Save Discount. When it came the shares dipped a full 16p to 240p on a rights issue and 100 per cent scrip. But the main

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Sungel Bahru (F) 0.58(0.46)
Trust Union (I) —(—)
UBM Group (1) 93.2(30.2)
UK Prop (I) —(—)
Usher-Walker (1) 2.7(2.1)
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BS&W Whit's (I) 2.7(3.0)

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up to some expections.

International Combustion went against the trend with a gain of 2p to 96p on news of an increase in dividend. The fear that industrial action by the miners would dis-

rupt coal supplies unduly, bore heavily on AAB which closed 10p lower at 98p while in the to £21.37. stores sector MFI continued to react from recent strength with In the financial

performance of the gilt market hit the discount houses with Union losing 30p to Gillett Brothers 15p to 215p, Allen Harvey & Ross 30p to 510p and Alexanders 20p 240p.

The clearing banks steady with the exception of Midland which shed 3p to 337p, while over in properties Hammerson 'A' dipped 17p to 533p ahead of figures. Other weak

Latest results

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Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a For nine months. b Loss. c Forecast.

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dend increase which was not Portland which slipped 6p to

In the mining sector the hope white golds £1 or so better in-cluded Western Deep Levels at £7.75, Randfontein at £29.25 and West Driefontein where there was an exceptional gain of !?

Oils were a sector to goin particular benefit from the late firmness, with BP 6p better at 876p and Shell four points ahead at 552p. S Osborn 1p to 80p, Weir Group 6p to 120p and Spink 3p to 293p were counters to lose ground in the absence of further takeover news. Both Diploma Investments 10p to 164p and Pork Farms 12p to 343p were two shares to go

lower as recent speculative sup-port dried up, while another weak soot was to be found in J Woodhead which slipped 12p to 226 on persistent selling.

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But Wight Construction was with specularive demand sparking a rise of 6p to 96p.

Two exporters well off were of better diamond prices lifted BTR which shed 13p to 253p, De Beers Dfd 20p to 292p, and Arthur Bell, the Scotch whisky group, which finished 6p lower at 336p. Pressure on margins shown up by figures lowered Parker Knoll 7 p to 105p, while Levers Optical's loss had the shares 10p off at 27D.

> Aiter news that some directors had sold up to half a million shares. Dixons Photographic went firmer to 173p. But a new seller appeared and the shares dipped to 163p, off 6p on balance. The second line was thought to be around 150,000 shares and to come

Figures of Pritchard Services left the shares trading lower at 29p and Acrow 'A' were at unchanged 80p after an nouncing an export-led rise in profits. Gieves shaded easier at

In anticipation of a rally troay, a firmer trend developed in after hours trading based mainly on "bargain hunt-

The industrial leaders gained a few pence and building shares also started to pick up. Hogsons Brewery edged higher after figures but Moss Engineering went lower as dealers were not too happy with figures. Kwik Save stayed at its depressed level of earlier in the session after the rights but both banks and discounts made up some lost ground, especially Union which added a few pence.

Equity turnover on November 2 was £104.15m (19,682 bargains). Active stocks, yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Glaxo, Dixons, Imperial Group, European Ferries, GEC, Acrow, Coral, House of Fraser, Racal, Daily Mail 'A', Distillers, Pork Farms, Diploma Inv. Consolidated Gold Fields, De Beers, Marchwiel, Hoover, Kwik Save

lood news from Pritchard

lecord interim figures and ications that profits for this year should top 52m for first time are happy news Shareholders of Pritchard

vices Group.

n the six months to July 3, tax profits of the group ich claims to be Britain's gest building services organi-ion involved in everything m office and city cleaning to urity and timber preserva-

tion, increased by 25.7 per cent to a record £972,000. Group sales for the same period went up Most companies in the group were able to contribute to these improved profits. But as yet no account has been taken of earnings which are expected to come this year from the group's major role in the £140m

contract for the city cleansing programme for the Saudi Arabian capital Riyadh.

Extracts from the statement of Mr. William Chairman, for the year ended June 30th, 1977:

* Profit before tax increased from £410,530 to £433,453.

* Earnings per share increased from 6.4p to 7.0p per share.

* Dividend increased by maximum permitted and cover increased to 5.1

* Nett assets increased to 48.9p per share.

*Company expanding in UK and overseas.



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Engineer Acrow flies high on back of exports boom

By Alison Mitchell

Exports are making all the running at engineering group Acrow. With the United King-dom market virtually stagnant in the six months to September 30 last, the group has turned more and more to overseas sales for growth. In the period, exports rose by a quarter to 141.9m and these are likely to grow even farther as the group

Acrow, the world's largest manufacturer of pre-fabricated bridges, already exports almost its entire United Kingdom pro-duction and from this division more than 70 per cent of its cranes are also sent abroad.

Mr William de Vigier, chairman, reports that the group recently agreed to manufacture Acrow products in Brazil and Egypt in joint ventures with national companies. The agreements should open up these ments should open up these markets to more exports from the United Kingdom companies for some time to come. In the accounting period. total pre-tax profits increased

L Ryan to get

£800,000 from

Welsh Agency

pertise in coal recovery—an activity which represents a valu-

able indigenous source of energy for the United Kingdom".

exceed the pre-tax profit of record £535,100 made in 1976.

Both the property and investments, and carpets and floor-covering divisions went

ahead. But hairdressing supplies

and plant hire weakened. The best performance was motor

taken in. No figures have been

the sale of this division.



Mr William de Vigier.

from £4m to £5.3m, on turnover up £15.3m to £73.5m. So pre-tax margins widened by almost half a point to 7.3 per cent. All this was enough for the City yesterday where, in a collapsing market, the shares held firm at 80p.

Mr. de Visiger cays that there Mr de Vigier says that there are some signs of an improve-

West Yorkshire-based B. S. &

ment on the home market. Capital spending by many companies has been held back for as long as possible so this upward trend is likely in continuous market. tinue as more delayed projects get under way.

The 54.5m container factory being built at Reddish is ahead of schedule and will bring additional capacity to the group in the 1978-79 financial year. At Acrow is u fulfil orders and current production is sold out for the next 12 months.

Looking to the year as a whole, Mr de Vigier anticipates another sales, exports and profits record. If the 30 per cent profits increase continues Acrow should have a pre-tax profit pushing £14m. However, a rising pound could put a brake on a group so dependent on exports.

To celebrate 40 years as a public company, all 8,000 United Kingdom employees, including Mr de Vigier and his fellow directors, were given a boous 100 "A" shares, at a cost to the group of around £744,000.

BS & W Whiteley interim loss, but outlook better

The Welsh Development Agency is backing the reconstruction of L. Ryan Holdings by investing £800,000 in the South Wales fuel and plant hire group. It is acquiring 25 per cent of the equity for £492,000 and supplying a medium-term loan of £308,000. This will strengthen the capital base of the company in readiness for its the company in readiness for its impending emergence from re-ceivership and enable it to open up fresh coal-reclamation sites. up tresh coal-reclamation sites.

Mr Jack Loveland, executive director of the agency's industry and investment division, said: "Our investment will significantly strongthen a Weish public company which is one of the few in Britain with any execution in coal reconstruction.

though it is going to go up.
Turnover fell from £3.02m to
£2.78m in the six months to September 30 and Whiteley lost £34,000 compared with a profit last time of £95,000. The loss was after a tax credit of £23,000, against a £72,000 charge. The shares duly fell by 3p to 39p.

shares duly real by 3p to 3sp.

Whiteley's share of its
Japanese associate's trading
loss for the half-year of £15,000
is not included in the figure.
The board explains that losses
consolidated earlier effectively
cancelled the cost of the shareholding and the group has no
further hability, contingent or
otherwise in respect of the otherwise in respect of the Japanese investment.

West Yorkshire-based B. S. & Both home and export sales W. Whiteley has had its ups and downs. But in spite of the latest interim loss, it looks as though it is going to go up. dundant and to revert from four to three-shift workings. With these and other eco nomy measures taken, the board believes the group is now moving towards stabilizing its

> As last time, there is no in-terim dividend. Shareholders received a final of 0.76p gross for the year to March 31 last. Whiteley makes and sells electrical insulating pressboard and multiply presspaper under the name "Elephantide". Pre-tax profits hit a record £669,000 in 1974-75, but slumped to £17,000 in the following year. In 1976-77, they partly re-covered to £280,000.

Scottish Heritable record likely

Notice is hereby given or the appointment of Lloyds Bank Limited as Glasgow-based Scottish Heritable Trust rose from £214,300 to £252,600. Moreover, the board declares that the second-All documents for registration and half's figures are expected to top the first's. This could mean correspondence should in turure be sent to:that the year's outcome will

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> R.N. PERHAM. Director and Secretary.

On turnover up from £4.8m included for the 18,2 per cent to £6.16m in the first half of interest in Trans-Continental this year, pre-tax profits of the Carpets nor its subsidiaries, Classon hased Scottish Herit. Kayam Holdings and Kayam Possible bid from

Cons Gold Fields

Toronto Newconex Holdings reports that Consolidated Gold Fields is thinking of buying the minority shares in Newconex at a cash price of not less than C56 a share, a total cost of at least C\$2.2m.
Gold Fields already holds

77.1 per cent of Newconex's 1.6m shares. Newconex, a hold-ing company with industrial and portfolio interests, closed in Toronto at \$3.40 a share immediately before the news. The group made a pre-tax profit last year of £253,000 compared with £929,000 the previous year.

best performance was motor supplies, which jumped from a £4,800 loss to a £24,200 profit. Profits of £55,800 from the plant division, after deducting interest of £26,400, have been included in pre-tax profits, although talks are still on for the sale of this division. If the sale is completed, these profits will not be included in L& G launch new the year's accounts, but a divi-dend of \$36,000 which has been received since June 30 will be property trust

erry investors, with around £700m worth of properties, has this week launched a new properry unit trust aimed at the big local authority pension funds market.

It is understood that two local authority pension funds and one exempt pension fund have decided to invest in the new trust. They had already been asking Legal and General to set up such a vehicle for property investment funds. Other inquiries are already on the

Poor reception to Grampian £10m issue

There was a poor reception yesterday for Grampian Regional Council's £10m issue of 10% per cent redeemable stock, 1985, at £99 per cent. With applications from the public allorted in full, the underwriters are being called on to take up about 32.2 per Legal and General Assurance, on to take up about 32.2 one of Britain's top five properties of their commitments.

Interim Statement

At a meeting of the Court of Directors held on 1st November, the unaudited results for the six months ended 30th September, 1977 were considered. Based on historical accounting methods the group profit before taxation shows, at £20.4 million, an increase of £0.5 million when compared with the preceding half-year ended 31st March, 1977 and an increase of £7.9 million as compared with the corresponding half-year ended 30th September, 1976. These results meet with the expectations of the directors.

The consolidated statement of condition, taken in conjunction with the Profit and Loss account, shows that the return on total assets of 1.85%, for the year ended 31st March, 1977, improved in the present half-year to 2.12%. The corresponding return for the half-year ended 30th September, 1976 was 1.53%,

The Court of Directors has decided to declare an interim dividend of 5p on the amount of Capital Stock as enlarged by the recent scrip issue and by conversion of loan stock. The interim dividend will be paid on or after the 19th December, 1977 to stockholders whose names appear on the register at close of business on 18th November, 1977.

In terms of historic accounting, the results may be regarded as satisfactory. In real terms, having allowed for the effect of inflation on monetary assets, there was an increase in the net worth of the Bank during the period under

Whilst a continuance of the current levels of interest rates could result in the historic profits for the half-year to 31st March, 1978 being lower than those of the half-year just completed, in the absence of unforeseen adverse circumstances the Directors are confident that the overall results for the year should exceed those for the year to 31st March, 1977. More importantly, in terms of real profits, the results for the year to 31st March, 1978 are likely to be materially better than those for the preceding year.

Consolidated Profitand Loss Account for the six months ended 30th September, 1977 (unaudited)

LOWER BAGGOT STREET, DUBLIN 2 1st NOVEMBER, 1977

Fully diluted

31 July, 1977.

(2) Adjusted for bonus issue in July, 1977.

Consolidated Statement of Condition as at 30th September, 1977.

WILLIAM FINLAY GOVERNOR.

Six months ended 31 Mar. 77 30 Sept. 76 £000 20 Sept. 77 Operating Profit 17,362 3,048 16,729 3,188 The Bank 11,856 2,188 20,410 19,917 14,044 Additional provision against advances 20,410 19,917 12,544 Profit before Taxation 7,768 6,737 6,171 12,642 6,373 Profit after Taxation Minority interest in subsidiaries 12,755 Profit attributable to Stockholders of the Bank 12,488 6,198 Interim dividend of 5p 2,780(Final) 1,010 10,755 9.975 Retained Profit 5,188 (1) 36.0p (2) Earnings per £1 of Capital Stock (2) 37.9p 19.4p

NOTES: (1) The figures for the current half-year take account of the Loan Stock converted at

30 Sept. 77 30 Sept. 76 £000 £000 Stockholders' Funds 108,885 Loan Stocks 16,563 18,590 18,620 2,736 3,765 3,364 Minority Interests Deposit, Current and Other Accounts -1,737,761 1,589,999 1,486,789 33,235 32,478 43,756 Other Liabilities £1,924,211 £1,754,474 £1,641,610 466,800 420,310 461,077 Liquid Assets 223,897 342,740 323,775 Investments 983,099 900,980 844,695 Advances to Customers 61,141 Items in Transit 50,800 £1,924,211 £1,754,474 £1,641,610



MARKET REPORTS

Eurobond prices (midday indicators) IAN DOLLARS 1984 - 985 Ri Col 9 1997 - 995 1982 - 1984 Heller 9', 1984 190

South Africa selling additional sugar

Durban, Nov 3.—South Africa is exporting additional amounts of sugar this year to sell as much as possible on the export market hefore the new international Sugar Agreement comes into effect in January. This was continued by Mr Peter Sale, the South African Sugar Association general manager, who would not divulge the quantities involved.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank Consolidated Credits First London Secs C. Hoare & Co Lon Mercantile Corp Midland Bank Nat Westminster ... Rossminster Acc's... Shenley Trust TSB 6° Williams and Glyn's 6°

* 7 day deposits on sums of \$10,000 and under 3%, up to \$25,000, 3%, over \$25,000, 3%, ... over

about-turn from losses as to close 3.50 cents light. Dec.

Wall Street

New York, Nov 3.—New York stock prices closed narrowly mixed after an uncertain session. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.82 at 802.67.
Some 670 issues declined against about 645 gainers.
Volume totalled 18.09 million shares, down from 20.76 million spared, down from 20.76 million spared, as the bargain hunting appeared as the bargain hunting appeared as the bargain last last

56.75 Spies: S.436 lots, 15A prices: 6.52c; 17-day average, 7.02c. SOYAREAN MEAL was steady.—Dec. E110.30-11.00 per metric ton Feb. E10.30-11.00 per metric ton Feb. E10.30-11.00 per metric ton Feb. E10.30-11.00 per metric ton Feb. E10.30-10.00 per metric ton Feb. E10.30-10.00 per E112-16.00 per E112-16.0

Commodities

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THE NEW THROGMORTON TRUST LIMITED INTERIM REVENUE STATEMENT (unaudited)

Months Months Ended to 30.9.77 to 30.9.76 31.3.77 451,067 1,068,504 Gross Revenue Less: Administration and 544,370 92,183 187,592 87,001 358,884 137,030 457,369 151,900 880,912 Less: Taxation 389,746 £305<u>,469</u> £221,854 £491,166 Earnings for the period ... Unappropriated Revenue brought forward 69,252 182,230 182,230 Net Available for distribu-..... £374,721 £404,084 £673,396 1.255p 0.567p 0.781p Earnings per Share

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Foreign Exchange

Although managing to haul itself off the floor yesterday sterling was still reeling from a heavy mauling received from Continental and transAtlantic speculators who suddenly decided during the mid-session to withdraw some of the "hot money" they had been pouring into sterling over the past months.

Sterling was under the sort of pressure that it has not experienced since the crisis levels of last year.

A small rally later in the session improved the position but the pound was still 2.35 cents lower on balance at \$1.8100 at the close. The effective exchange index too, was hard hit finishing at 63.4 compared with 64.4 at Wednesday's final calculation.

Gold gained \$3 an ounce to elected transact at \$1.875. Gold gained \$3 an ounce to close in London at \$164.375.

Spot Position of Sterling **Forward Levels**

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100,127 rounes in September, an
increase of over 52 per cent on
the August production level of
65,767 tons. The September total
is about 2 per cent above that of
a year before.

Discount market Day-to-day credit continued in full supply on Lombard Street yesterday. The Bank of England sold a small amount of Treasury bills directly to the houses, but this was not enough to mop up surplus liquidity. surplus liquidity.

So, with banks carrying above target balances over night, the week should be finishing on a comfortable note. The day started with rates at 4-31 per cent. but houses took a lot of money around 32 per cent during the morning. With money left in the system at the end, final balances were to be found anywhere from 31 per cent down to 22 per cent.

The market has to finance a fairly large take-up of Treasury bills. But banks' balances were a long way up overnight, there was a fairly large excess of Government disbursements over Revenue transfers to the Exchequer, and the note circulation fell a little more.

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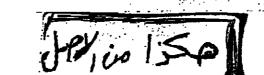
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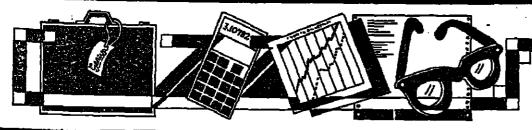
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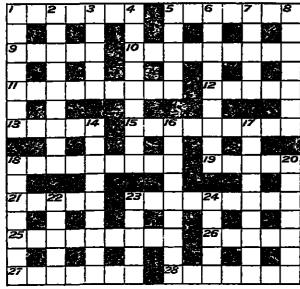
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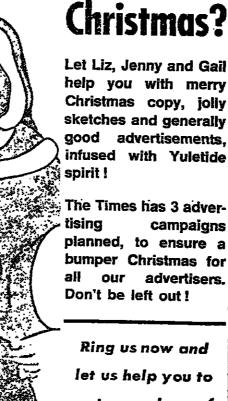
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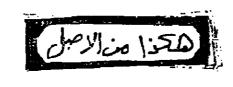
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